

HEALTH SCIENCES

PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Clinical Laboratory Technology	Nursing-
Dental Hygiene	Level I - Practical Nursing
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	(Diploma only)
Fire Science/Emergency	Level II - Associate Degree Nursing
Medical Technician (EMT)	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Histotechnician	Physical Therapist Assistant
	Radiography
	Respiratory Therapy
	Therapeutic Massage

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Dental Assisting
 Emergency/Disaster Management
 Health Care Interpreter
 Magnetic Resonance Imaging
 Phlebotomy
 Renal Dialysis Technician

GENERAL POLICIES

The following general policies apply to ALL Health Sciences programs. Where requirements are specific to a particular program, they are listed on the program page.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS:

Each program has developed technical standards to assist interested applicants and continuing students to understand the tasks which a person working in that job would typically be expected to perform. These standards give a sense of the physical requirements, psychomotor skills and affective behaviors associated with a particular occupation. Standards are listed with each individual program.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS:

For most programs, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA while in the program. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Therapeutic Massage students must achieve a grade of 75 percent in each course required by the program. Nursing students must maintain a 75 percent passing grade in each nursing course and maintain a 2.5 GPA to progress. Students who do not maintain the expected level of academic progress will be dismissed from the program.

Program faculty reserve the right to require withdrawal of any student from the program or to refuse reinstatement based on the student's academic, clinical or professional performance.

ACCOMMODATION:

Students in the health programs with a documented need for reasonable accommodation are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services for Students as early as possible. This will help ensure that reasonable accommodations are provided in a timely manner.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

See individual programs.

PERFORMANCE-BASED HEALTH SCIENCE APPLICATION PROCESS:

In 2007, CCRI instituted a new merit-based acceptance policy for selected health science programs to assist in gradually reducing the wait lists for many in-demand programs. The "Performance-Based Health Science Application Process"

is a competitive process that recognizes exceptional academic achievement by expediting the admissions process into the Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiography, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Therapeutic Massage programs. Other programs listed below are part of this new admissions process and do have admission requirements, but are generally able to accept all applicants meeting these criteria. Many of these programs have limited application windows. Emergency/Disaster Management and Fire Science/EMT programs are exempt from the limited application windows and will continue accepting applications year-round. Students who submitted an application for any one of the health science programs after April 1, 2006, have been accepted into the General Studies program in order to begin working on admissions requirements. No new applicants from April 1, 2006, forward will be added to a waiting list. Students are required to have completed all admission requirements before submitting an application for a health science program under the Performance-Based Health Science Application Process.

Programs now operating under the performance-based admissions policy with limited application windows are: **Associate Degree Programs:** Respiratory Therapy, Clinical Laboratory Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Histotechnician, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiography, Therapeutic Massage. **Certificate Programs:** Dental Assisting, Health Care Interpreter, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Phlebotomy, Renal Dialysis Technician.

Students wishing to submit their names for consideration in the performance-based selection are required to have already completed the pre-admission requirements. Performance-based acceptances (P.B.A.) will make up no more than 10 percent of total new acceptances for programs. Beginning in Fall 2007, fall 2008 and fall 2009 wait lists will be phased out and replaced by the P.B.A.

HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS - GENERAL POLICIES- CONTINUED

(The following general policies apply to ALL Health, Rehabilitation and Emergency Science Programs. Where requirements are specific to a particular program, they are listed on the program page.)

Any student currently on the wait list may choose to apply under the performance-based considerations without risking their current place on the list if the performance-based acceptance is not granted.

ADVANCED STANDING/CHALLENGE EXAMINATIONS:

Applicants with previous education or experience who wish to discuss advanced standing or challenge specific courses should contact the department chair or program director for information.

BACKGROUND CHECK:

Students will be required to have a criminal background check through the college by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). In compliance with requirements of clinical agencies, anyone who has been convicted of a felony will be unable to attend clinical/field experience. No incident or probation must have occurred within the past five years. Further, applicants convicted of a felony will need to comply with state licensure requirements from the RI Department of Health. For more information, contact the department chair.

CPR CERTIFICATION:

All students in CCRI health programs must have current CPR certification, the American Heart Association Health Care Provider level, including AED, obtained through an AHA-recognized community training center. This course is available at CCRI (HEAL 0200). Students must provide proof of AHA CPR certification to the department as part of health record documentation per program policies.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

Health insurance is not provided by the college or clinical agencies. However, students may purchase health insurance through the Associate Vice President for Student Services office. Students are strongly encouraged to obtain health insurance coverage.

HEALTH RECORD:

Students accepted into the health programs must submit

complete health records in order to begin the clinical/technical courses. The health record requires a physical exam and specific documentation showing vaccination and immunity. See program policies for more detail on when health records are due. Students without complete health records will not be allowed to start clinical rotations/field placements.

All students enrolled in CCRI health programs are required to take the Hepatitis B series of three vaccinations*. Applicants are encouraged to begin the Hepatitis B series as soon as possible and provide documentation of vaccinations as they are given.

Individuals who disclose the presence of blood-borne infectious disease will be shown the same consideration as non-infected individuals and will be offered reasonable accommodations. Information regarding health status of an individual is considered confidential, and protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES:

For more information about occupational titles, refer to the Dictionary of Occupational Titles), www.occupationalinfo.org

REINSTATEMENT:

Reinstatement in CCRI health programs is not automatic and is based on space availability. Priority is given to students in good academic standing at the time of withdrawal. Students wishing to be readmitted must meet the following criteria:

- Submit a letter of intent to the department chair and program director at least one semester prior to the expected date of re-admittance.
- See individual programs for GPA requirements.
- Meet with the department chair and program director.

- Students who have been dismissed from a health program may request reinstatement only once. Students who are dismissed from the program for academic reasons a second time may not return to the program. Students who do not follow the recommended sequence may delay their graduation date.
- Students returning to the Nursing and Rehabilitative Health programs may be required to repeat previous course work and be approved by the Scholastic Standing Committee. (See program pages for specific reinstatement information.)

TRANSPORTATION:

Students are responsible for transportation to all clinical/technical experiences both on and off campus.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT:

Students are responsible for purchasing necessary equipment and/or uniforms if applicable.

*Unless there are medical or religious reasons against it. Contact the department chair.