The following steps must be completed prior to applying to a health sciences program:

- Complete an application for admission to Pitt Community College.
- Submit official transcript from high school or high school equivalency diploma. Applicants with a bachelors degree are exempt.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Meet with admissions counselor.
- Complete new student orientation (required for new freshmen attending college for the first time). Visit www.pitcc.edu to review these steps in more detail (click on get started > admissions > new student orientation).
- Check your myPittCC email account for important announcements on a regular basis.

Please note that by completing these steps, you have not applied for and been accepted into any health sciences program. Applying to a health sciences program is a separate process and not allowed until all application criteria and minimum prerequisites for the program are met. To apply to a health sciences program, continue with the following steps.

___ 1. Review Curriculum Sheet. Curriculum sheets for each health sciences program may be found on the PCC website at www.pitcc.edu and includes application period, application criteria, and prerequisite and course requirements (click on health sciences > admissions > curriculum sheets).

___ 2. Once you meet all application criteria and minimum prerequisites for your intended health sciences program(s), contact Health Sciences Admissions at (252) 493-7473 or hltscadm@email.pitcc.edu to complete a Health Sciences Application. You must apply during the application period. Any health sciences programs that are not filled to capacity after the application period may extend their application deadline.

___ 3. Wait for notification of admission status. Applicants will be notified by mail of their acceptance.

Because limited seats are available, applicants for the Echocardiography diploma and associates degrees in Cardiovascular Sonography, Emergency Medical Science (EMS), Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine (campus program only), Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Polysomnography, Radiography, and Respiratory Therapy compete for admission based on quality points. Applicants earn quality points by completing the general education and recommended courses required for their program of interest with a C or better. (Refer to Curriculum Sheet for list of courses). To calculate quality points, multiply the number of credit hours for each general education course successfully completed with a C or better by the quality point value assigned to the grade earned (A=4, B=3, C=2). The best grade earned for general education and recommended courses is used to calculate total quality points and GPA.

*Exception: Points will be deducted from quality point total for each repeat attempt in Anatomy & Physiology (OTA applicants applying for admission in spring 2020 are exempt from this point deduction). Visit www.pitcc.edu for more details on how quality points are calculated (click on health sciences > admissions > health sciences essential Q&As)

- Pitt County Schools Health Sciences Academy Graduates. Pitt County Schools Health Sciences Academy (PCSHSA) graduates who participated in the Health Sciences Academy in their junior and senior years of high school, earned college credit for general education courses required for their program of interest with an “A” or “B,” and fulfilled all responsibilities of the Health Sciences Academy program will receive a 10% increase to their quality point calculation. These points are awarded to PCSHSA graduates who have graduated within five years prior to enrollment in a health sciences program at PCC. PCSHSA graduates are not guaranteed acceptance into any health sciences program.

Applicants may not earn additional quality points for both the Bulldog Advantage and being a PCSHSA graduate. Applicants earn additional quality points either for the Bulldog Advantage or for being a PCSHSA graduate.

Applicants for Radiation Therapy compete for admission based on points earned for GPA, letters of reference, entrance exam scores, interview score, completing a shadowing experience, and being a PCC radiography graduate. Applicants for Medical Dosimetry compete for admission based on points earned for GPA, letters of reference, entrance exam score, interview score, and being a PCC radiation therapy graduate (a minimum of 21 points is required to be considered for Medical Dosimetry). Applicants for CT/MRI compete for admission based on GPA.

If seats become available in a competitive program after notification letters are mailed, alternates will be notified (by rank order) of their acceptance. Alternates not accepted will need to reapply every year and will compete on equal basis with all other applicants.

Applicants for Advanced Medical Coding, Breast Sonography, EMS (bridge option), Health Information Technology, Mammography, Medical Assisting, Nuclear Medicine (online degree and diploma), Positron Emission Tomography, Polysomnography (certificate and bridge option), and Therapeutic Massage are accepted upon successful completion of admissions requirements and clinical site placement (if applicable).

**ATTENTION ALL HEALTH SCIENCES APPLICANTS**

Clinical facilities may require criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, and/or proof of US citizenship prior to or during participation in the clinical portion of a program. Pending the outcome, clinical facilities may deny a student the opportunity to complete the clinical portion of a program. A student who is unable to complete the clinical portion of a program will not be able to graduate. Criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, and/or proof of US citizenship may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employing agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment. Programs at PCC that prepare students for professional licensure are designed to prepare a student to apply for applicable licensure outside North Carolina. In order to ensure whether the program meets requirements for professional licensure outside North Carolina, PCC recommends the student contact the program director prior to enrolling in the program.

Health sciences admissions policies are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between PCC and students. PCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements at any time. Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience such changes create for students.