PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Become a *Health Sciences Scholar*
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Career and College Promise (CCP) allows eligible high school juniors and seniors to enroll in community college courses tuition free. Health Sciences Scholars is a program directed at prospective CCP students who are interested in health sciences and training for a health career at Pitt Community College (PCC).

Health Sciences Scholars take a pre-determined list of courses at PCC from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. while they are enrolled in high school. Transportation (to and from Pitt County high schools), tuition, and books are all supplied free of charge. Students return to their high schools for lunch, and 3rd and 4th periods. Courses completed by Health Sciences Scholars satisfy requirements for most entry-level health sciences programs at PCC, with priority consideration given to students who maintain program requirements; this includes Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, and Health Information Technology—although the pathway is not required for admission to these programs—as well as Cardiovascular Sonography, Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA), Polysomnography, Radiography, and Respiratory Therapy, where seats may be limited.

To apply to become a Health Sciences Scholar, a high school student must be in the 10th grade, have a 3.000 unweighted GPA, and have completed two math credits and two English credits with a B or better. Applications are accepted from February 16 through April 30 at 5 p.m. Contact Health Sciences Admissions at (252) 493-7473 or hltscadm@email.pittcc.edu to apply. All applicants will participate in an interview as part of the selection process. Applicants will be notified by mail of their acceptance as a Health Sciences Scholar by the end of May.

Students accepted as a Health Sciences Scholar must maintain certain academic standards and participate in various activities to remain in the program and be granted admission to a health sciences program. These requirements include:

- Maintain a 3.000 unweighted GPA.
- Earn an A or B in all PCC courses.
- Successfully complete a half-day summer orientation at the onset of the program.
- Participate in required enrichment activities while enrolled in the program (i.e., mentoring, academic support, shadowing, career exploration, etc.).
- Maintain an acceptable level of conduct and have no discipline issues.
- Achieve a minimum total score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). *Applies only to candidates for Cardiovascular Sonography (64%), Medical Sonography (64%), Nursing (66%), OTA (61%), Radiography (60%), and Respiratory Therapy (60%).*

Health Sciences Scholars admitted to a competitive health sciences program must enroll in the program in the academic year following high school graduation. Seats are not reserved indefinitely.
*Early college students are able to postpone their acceptance for one academic year to complete their "5th year".

Health Sciences Scholars Timeline & Curriculum Pathway		
Students should work with their high school counselor and CCP advisor to align their high school schedule with the requirements of the Health Sciences Scholars program.		
Health Sciences I and II and Nursing Fundamentals offered by Pitt County Schools are not required courses to be a Health Sciences Scholar, but are encouraged.		
10th grade	February 16-April 30	Submit Health Sciences Scholars Application Contact Health Sciences Admissions at 252-493-7473 or hltscadm@email.pittcc.edu to apply
	May	Participate in Health Sciences Scholars Interview Receive notification regarding acceptance status as a Health Science Scholar
Summer	June 26, 8:00-noon	Complete Health Sciences Scholars Orientation
11th grade	Fall Semester	Take ACA 122- College Transfer Success (specially designed with HSC 110 component) Take ENG 111-Writing & Inquiry AND Take PSY 150-General Psychology
	Spring Semester	Take BIO 168-Anatomy & Physiology I AND Take ENG 112-Writing/Research in the Disc

		Select desired PCC health sciences program
	Summer Semester	Take HUM 115 – Critical Thinking Candidates for admission to Nursing and OTA, take PSY 241 – Developmental Psychology Candidates for Dental Assisting, take COM 231
12th grade	Candidates for admission to Cardiovascular and Medical Sonography and Nuclear Medicine must complete a Nurse Aide (NA) I class prior to enrolling in the program. This requirement can be met by taking Nursing Fundamentals and earning a C or better or successfully completing PCC's NAI course.	
	Fall Semester	Take BIO 169-Anatomy & Physiology II AND Select desired PCC health sciences program
	Spring Semester	Take MAT 171-Precalculus Algebra Candidates for admission to Cardiovascular and Medical Sonography, take PHY 110-Applied Physics
	January	Take TEAS, if applicable
	April	Receive notification regarding acceptance status into health sciences program
	June	High school graduation 🎓
PCC	Summer Semester	Participate in health sciences program orientation (one-day event; date TBD) Take MED 180-CPR Certification (candidates who hold an active BLS Certification from the American Heart Association are exempt from this requirement)
PCC	Fall Semester	Enroll in health sciences program
The timeline and curriculum pathway for fall semester and beyond will be determined based on the health sciences program in which the Health Sciences Scholar enrolls.		
Health Sciences Scholars admitted into a health sciences program in the fall semester following high school graduation qualify for PCC's Bulldog Promise Scholarship. PCC's Bulldog Promise Scholarship pays tuition and fees for up to four semesters; excludes summer.		

For questions about Health Sciences Scholars, contact Health Sciences Admissions at 252-493-7473 or hltscadm@email.pittcc.edu

Disclosures

Students admitted to health sciences programs are required to complete a clinical practicum. Clinical facilities may require criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship prior to or during participation in the clinical portion of a program. Any expenses associated with these requirements are the responsibility of the student. 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, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employment agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

Students admitted to health sciences programs are required to have a physical examination to determine if they are physically and emotionally capable of performing the essential functions of the program and must submit a completed medical form. A record of immunizations, including, but not limited to, an annual Influenza vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine must be included with the medical form. A medical or religious exemption for vaccines must be approved by the clinical site(s). PCC does not grant vaccine exemptions in lieu of the clinical site(s) and does not guarantee vaccine exemptions will be approved by the clinical site(s).

Programs at PCC that prepare students for professional licensure are designed to prepare a student to apply for applicable licensure in 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.

It is the policy of PCC not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, handicap, religion, age, or national origin in the recruitment and admission of students; the recruitment, employment, training, and promotion of faculty and staff; and the operation of any of its programs and activities, as specified by federal laws and regulations. PCC is an equal opportunity institution.

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.