

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS

The Health Sciences Division is comprised of Associate Degree Nursing, Dental Hygiene Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiologic Technology, Practical Nursing, Emergency Medical Technician and Health Care Assistant and Phlebotomy.

Students applying for admission into health science programs must meet the general college admission requirements. In addition, each program has individual requirements. Students wishing to apply to a specific program should consult the Policy of Admission to Health Science Programs and admission requirements specific to the individual program. Due to accreditation requirements, changes may occur in the curricula, course offerings, and course content for programs. It is imperative that students seek advisement on course requirements and selection each semester.

Many students choose to take specific required academic courses prior to applying to health science programs. While this is encouraged, it does not ensure admission to the actual program. Applications to the health science programs are evaluated on a competitive basis.

Mississippi Delta Community College, Health Science Division, complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, handicap, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.

The Health Science programs provide a variety of options for students who wish to enter the healthcare job market. Students who successfully complete Health Science programs are prepared to take national and state licensing or certification exams for practice in the designated discipline.

PRE-HEALTH SCIENCE CURRICULA

The Pre-Health Science Curriculum is for students who wish to prepare for entrance into a health science program. A minimum ACT score of 16 (12 if earned prior to 10/28/89) is required for registration as a pre-health science major.

Pre-health science program courses provide a suggested guide for program preparation. Information on academic courses that can be taken prior to admission to a health science program can be found under each respective program. These academic courses are also transferable into various academic transfer programs of study for completion of an A.A. degree.

POLICY OF ADMISSION TO HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Applicants should obtain the appropriate application packet from the Health Sciences or Associate Degree Nursing administrative office. All required application materials must be submitted by the specified deadline in order for the applicant to be considered for admission.

The admission process is competitive. Each program uses an objective rating scale to evaluate each applicant. Specific areas that are evaluated include (but are not limited to) ACT scores, entrance test scores, academic course work required for the major, GPA or specific course grades, and timely submission of the application.

Acceptance into a Health Science Program is conditional pending results of a drug screen and criminal background check at the applicant's expense. According to Mississippi State Law, an individual may not be eligible for employment in a health care agency if the person has ever been convicted of a felony, or plead guilty to, or plead nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, of felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult.

Applicants are notified by letter of conditional acceptance or non-acceptance into a program. Applicants who are conditionally accepted must comply with all orientation requirements in order to preserve a place in the class. Academic and career counseling is available for applicants who are not accepted into Health Science Programs.

POLICY ON READMISSION TO HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS

A student may be considered for readmission to a specific health science program one time only with the following exception: a student who had a passing grade in the classroom and clinical setting, but was forced to withdraw due to illness, accident, pregnancy, or family crisis may be considered for a second readmission.

Each student requesting readmission into a health science program will be considered on an individual basis. The student should contact the appropriate program director/supervisor for the readmission procedure. Space must be available in the class. No precedent will be set by the decision of the committee.

At the discretion of the Chairperson, Division of Health Sciences with the recommendation of the Admission Committee, a student requesting readmission to a health science program may be required to take a challenge exam to assess placement. It may be necessary for the applicant to repeat courses. After admission information is reviewed, every effort is made to readmit students; however, readmission may be denied based on objective data regarding the student's request for readmission.

**POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER STUDENTS INTO
HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS**

The acceptance of transfer students into health science courses is based upon the following:

- space available in the specific course being requested
- evaluation of the applicant's college transcript and course materials including:
 - appropriate grades in all course work being considered for transfer
 - comparable content, semester hours, and clinical experiences in courses being considered for transfer
- letter documenting good standing from administrator of the transferring program
- ability to meet all MDCC requirements for graduation
- individual program guidelines