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Health Science Education has two major academic divisions: Programs for Initial Professional Preparation and Programs for Post-Professional Development. Programs that prepare students for initial professional preparation into specific health professions include: Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound), Emergency Medical Technician, Health Information Management, Health Services Management, Massage Therapy, Medical Assisting, Nuclear Medicine, Nursing RN Program, Paramedic, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology, Radiation Therapy Technology, Radiography (X-ray), Respiratory Care, and Vision Care Technology Programs.

The Continuing Education and Workforce Development Department offers post-professional development courses/programs for credentialed health professionals whose goals are to increase their knowledge and skills in various health-related topics and courses. The Department also offers Advanced Technical Certificates in the following areas: Basic Perioperative Nursing, Coronary Care Nursing, Critical Care Nursing, Graduate Nurse Intern, Home Health Nursing, Manual Techniques, Multi-skilled Healthcare Professional, and Vascular Sonography.

Health Science Admission Requirements

To apply for admission into a Health Science Program, students must do the following.

1. Complete the admission requirements to the College (see page 26).
2. Complete all college preparatory and prerequisite requirements for the specific Health Science program of interest. Science courses completed more than 10 years ago must be evaluated to determine if the courses will need to be repeated. Students should seek approval from the appropriate Associate Dean or Program Manager.

Submit electronic copies of transcripts for all previous college work (excluding Broward Community College) to the Office of the Associate Vice President/District Registrar, 225 E. Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

4. Students should see an Academic Advisor to determine transferability of credits and

additional coursework needed. Each program has defined a specific minimum grade point average as an admissions requirement. Refer to the specific programs.

5. Complete a Health Science Admissions Application for the desired Health Science program(s). A separate application must be made for each program. Applications may be obtained online at www.broward.edu/locations/chse/PDF/forms/index.jsp or by calling 954 201 7350. Each application for admission to a particular program will incur a \$20.00, non-refundable Health Science application fee payable online at www.broward.edu or any campus Cashier's Office.
6. Activate the free BCC e-mail address. Information about setting up the e-mail account can be found at www.broward.edu. All communication regarding admission decisions will be sent to this email address.

Most Health Science programs require completion of Pre-Health Science Core requirements (HCP 0130, CAE 0299, CAE 0382, CAE 0474, CAE 0258 and CAE 0476) **after submitting the Health Science application and prior to entering the program.** These courses, as prescribed by the Florida Department of Education, Division of Applied Technology and Adult Education, introduce students to basic health care knowledge and skills.

Selection Criteria

Students are selected based on established criteria for each program in accordance with Equal Access/Equal Opportunity standards. The Admissions Office admits all students based on established criteria. No exceptions are made.

Number of Students Admitted

Most health science programs admit students once each year. The number of students selected is limited and varies with the availability of clinical facilities, state licensing regulations, and other related criteria.

Notification of Admission

Students are notified via their BCC email of acceptance into the respective programs. Upon notification of acceptance, the student may request a one time deferral to the next available term.

Deferral requests must be mailed to:
Health Science Admission
225 E. Las Olas Blvd,
Ft Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

It is strongly recommended that students enroll in College Success Skills, SLS 1501 prior to entering a Health Science Program.

Performance Standards for the Health Sciences

Students must meet certain standards of performance in order to progress in their course work and ultimately graduate from any of the respective health science programs. These standards include meeting certain physical demands associated with the profession. Please review program requirements at www.broward.edu/programs.

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Criminal Background and Drug Screening

Students applying to a health science program are subject to criminal background and drug screening which is required as a prerequisite to attending any clinical practicum. A student needs to be aware that participation and placement may be denied at a clinical agency based on the background or drug screening results and the clinical agency's pre-employment screening policy. Should such denial occur, the health science program cannot guarantee an alternative facility placement. Withdrawal from the program will be necessary if a student cannot meet practicum requirements in a clinical. A history of past arrests and convictions may prohibit a student from being licensed in Florida. Students are responsible for contacting the licensing agency prior to submitting an application to the program.

Substance Abuse Policy Statement

A student who is unable to perform clinical activities with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition, shall be required to submit to a mental or physical examination. The physician or health care practitioner must possess expertise to diagnose the impairment and be approved by the program. Cost of the examination will be borne by the student. Failure to submit to such an examination may result in dismissal from the program.

Students may be asked to leave a clinic with an unexcused absence if they appear to be intoxicated. Repeat offenses may result in dismissal from the program.

Registration/Audit

A student must be admitted to a program and be registered in the course to attend class. No student may audit a Health Science course without the permission of the appropriate Health Science Associate Dean or Program Manager.

Withdrawal/Failure

Any Health Science student who fails a course, fails to maintain the appropriate GPA, or withdraws from a Health Science program during his/her first semester shall re-apply to the program. Re-admission will be based on the criteria and procedures in effect at the time of re-admission. Additional requirements may also be applied to students who have previously failed.

Transfer

Students who wish to transfer Health Science credits from another college should contact the appropriate program for a copy of the policies and procedures. No student can obtain a Health Science degree unless she/he has completed 25% of the coursework at Broward Community College.

Attendance

Each instructor determines the attendance policy for each class, and communicates this policy in the course syllabus at the beginning of each semester. It is the student's responsibility to know the attendance policy. Clinical attendance is mandatory. The student must contact the instructor or clinical area in case of an emergency or illness.

Academic Integrity, Cheating, Plagiarism, etc.

In addition to the College's Student Code of Conduct, the Health Science programs have adopted a Code of Professional Behaviors. Students are expected to comply with all professional behaviors. Any infraction of the Code may result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the program.

The course syllabus outlines the instructor's policy on cheating. If a student is discovered cheating, the student also may be expelled or suspended from the program. In submitting written work during any course, the student should be aware of the policy on plagiarism adopted by the Health Science faculty found in the program's handbook.

Transportation

Students must have reliable transportation to and from Broward Community College and to and from an assigned clinical facility. The College or clinical facility does not provide transportation. The student assumes all risks and responsibilities for travel to and from clinical sites and field trips.

Uniforms

Students must purchase uniforms that meet the approval of the appropriate Health Science program. Information regarding uniform guidelines is given to each applicant following admission to a program.

Liability Insurance

Professional liability insurance is required of all health science students each term that they are in a clinical setting. The fee for liability insurance coverage is non-refundable and charged when the student registers for the first clinical course during an academic year.

Required Disclosures

An applicant who has been convicted of a felony or the subject of an arrest pertaining to a controlled substance should confer with an authorized representative of the regulatory or licensing agency to determine eligibility for future credentialing and practice. All Health Science Education graduates are subject to the laws, policies, and procedures of their respective regulatory or licensing boards. The College cannot assure licensure and/or certification.

Health Examination

A Medical History and Physical Health Form must be completed at the time specified by the program. Final acceptance or continuation in a program will be contingent upon the results of the results. A student may not enroll in a clinical course unless the health form has been submitted and reviewed. Health forms for each Health Science program are online at www.broward.edu/locations/chse/PDF/forms/index.jsp and can also be found on the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/College Registrar's home page.

Each program has specific Technical Performance Standards that must be reviewed by the student to determine individual ability to comply with the standards. Broward Community College also requires that all Health Science students obtain the Hepatitis B vaccine prior to admission.

Accident Insurance

Any student who is assigned to a clinical facility may be exposed to environmental hazards and infectious diseases. Limited medical insurance is provided for health science students at the time of registration in clinical courses each academic year.

Continuation in a Health Science Program

Continuation in a Health Science program is dependent upon maintaining the course grades and GPA as specified by each program. The programs reserve the right to discontinue a student's enrollment at any time, if in its judgment the student does not possess the qualifications necessary for the selected Health Science career or demonstrates behavior deemed to be potentially detrimental to a patient's safety and well being.

Readmission

Each Health Science program has established specific readmission policies. The student who wishes readmission consideration should refer to the appropriate program manager/Associate Dean for specific criteria and procedures.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete all courses in the degree or certificate program with a grade of "C" or higher and have an overall degree GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Changing Requirements for Graduation

The Health Sciences reserve the right to change any of the rules and regulations of the Health Science programs at any time, including those related to admission, instruction, and graduation. All such changes are effective at such time as the proper authorities determine, and may apply not only to prospective students, but also to those who already are enrolled in a Health Science Program. All enrolled students will be notified in writing of such changes as they occur.

Catalog Requirement

It is important that students know the Catalog requirements under which they will graduate. Health Science students have three options:

1. If attendance has been continuous (Term I and II each year), the student may graduate under the Catalog in effect at the time of entry into the College or the one in effect at the time of graduation.
2. If attendance has been interrupted by one or more terms (not including Term III), the student must meet the requirement of either the Catalog

in effect at the time of re-enrollment or in effect at the time of graduation.

3. Health Science students may meet graduation requirements in effect for the catalog year in which they entered the program.

Students should consult with an Academic Advisor or Counselor every term.

Curriculum and Policy Changes

The Health Science policies and curricula contained in this catalog and program handbooks are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract

between the student and the College. Health Sciences reserves the right to make and designate the effective date of changes in policies curriculum and/or other regulations at any time such changes are considered desirable or necessary.

Health Science Core Requirement and Waivers

Students should consult with the particular program of interest regarding specific program requirements

