

## HEALTH SCIENCE ADMISSIONS

### Health Science Admission Requirements

Application to any Health Science program is through a supplemental application process. Students are not admitted to a health science program by declaring the health science program of study, and gaining admission to Broward College in general. A student may apply to a health science program after satisfying the requirements to be considered for a seat in the desired program, and within the program's application period.

Health Science programs are considered "limited access", which means there are a limited number of seats available each time a cohort of students is admitted to the program. Program acceptance is based on students satisfying the prescribed requirements for program application and meeting selection criteria. Each cohort selection is based on the strength of the applicant pool received in a specified application period.

To apply for admission to the College, students must do the following:

1. Complete the admission requirements to the College.
2. Submit electronic copies of transcripts for all previous college work (excluding Broward College)
3. Meet with an Academic Advisor to determine transferability of credits for previous credits earned
4. Complete all other requirements for admission outlined in the section titled Admissions.

Prior to applying and submitting their documentation for Admission to a Health Science program, students must:

1. Complete all developmental education coursework, if required, and pre-requisite requirements for the specific health science program of interest. Specific program admission requirements and application timelines for submitting a Health Science Limited Access application are accessible online at <http://www.broward.edu/admissions/Pages/Health-Sciences-Admissions.aspx>.
2. Complete a Health Science Limited Access Application for the desired Health Science program(s).
3. Submit the Health Science Limited Access Application to a Health Science Admissions Office located on the Central Campus in Building 19, Room 101; or on the North Campus in Building 46, Room 252. Each application for admission will incur a \$20.00, non-refundable Health Science application fee payable online or any campus Cashier's Office.
4. Activate the free BC student e-mail account. Information about setting up the e-mail account can be found online. All communication will be sent to this email address, including admission decisions.

Most Health Science programs require completion of Pre-Health Science Core requirements such as HCP 0001 (a 75 clock hour Health Career Core Curriculum continuing education course) and specific certificate courses:

1. HCP 0405 – Basic Life Support
2. HCP 0591 – HIV/AIDS
3. HCP 0691 - Domestic Violence
4. HCP0692 – Prevention of Medical Errors
5. HCP 0522 - TB / OSHA / Hepatitis

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

### Selection Criteria

Admission selection is determined from a review of the applicant pool. Meeting the minimum admission requirements provides prospective applicants' eligibility to submit applications for admission consideration yet does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Candidates, who earned

the most points by weight, taking into consideration all requirements, are selected for admission. No exceptions are possible.

### Number of Students Admitted

Most Health Science programs admit students once each year. Few programs admit each semester. The number of students selected to these limited access health science programs varies with the availability of clinical facilities, state licensing regulations, and other related criteria.

### Notification of Admission

Admission decisions are accessible through students' myBC account and clicking on the Limited Access Application Status icon. Admitted students to respective programs are notified of a mandatory preadmission meeting through their BC email. Upon notification of acceptance, students are required to acknowledge their attendance. Any student who does not attend the mandatory preadmission meeting will forfeit their seat offer.

A selected candidate may request a **one time deferral** to the next available term. Deferral request must be made no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the term, through email from the student's BC email address to [healthscience@broward.edu](mailto:healthscience@broward.edu) or mailed to

Health Science Admission  
225 E. Las Olas Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

### Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening

Students applying to a Health Science program are subject to a criminal background check and drug screening which is required as a prerequisite to attending any clinical practicum while enrolled in the program. 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 requirements as they relate to the clinical site.

If a student is admitted to the College based on their background check and screening and is allowed to complete a clinical experience, it does not guarantee the student will be eligible to sit for the certification or licensing exam. Pursuant to Section 456.0635, Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 2009, health care boards or the department shall refuse to issue a license, certificate or registration and shall refuse to admit a candidate to sit for the examination if the applicant has been:

1. Convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a felony violation regardless of adjudication of: chapters 409, 817, or 893, Florida Statutes; or 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any probation or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the application.
2. Terminated for cause from Florida Medicaid Program (unless the applicant has been in good standing for the most recent five years).
3. Terminated for cause by any other State Medicaid Program or the Medicare Program (unless the termination was at least 20 years prior to the date of the application and the applicant has been in good standing with the program for the most recent five years).

**Nursing graduates taking the NCLEX-RN must be able to provide one or more of the acceptable forms of identification as described on the Testing Center's website ([www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex)). Temporary identifications or passports, not translated in English, are not acceptable forms of identification. For further information, see the Nursing Program section in the Catalog.**

**Note:** The College reserves the right to change any of the policies at any time, including those related to admission and admissions criteria.