

# Health Science Frequently Asked Questions

## General Information on the Health Sciences

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**Q: Where can I find information about all the health science programs and their respective pre-requisites?**

**A:** The current college catalog's [Program of Study](#) section details the requirements for each health science program including pre-requisite courses and all of the course work required in each program. Also, a list of the programs as well as the required admissions criteria for each program can be found [here](#).

**Q: How do I apply to a health science program?**

**A:** To apply for admission into a Health Science Program, students must do the following:

1. Complete the [admission requirements](#) to the College.
2. Complete all college preparatory and pre-requisite requirements for the specific Health Science program of interest. Please note that science courses completed more than 10 years ago must be evaluated to determine if the courses will need to be repeated.
3. Submit electronic copies of transcripts for all previous college work (excluding Broward College) to the Office of the Associate Vice President/District Registrar, 225 E. Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.
4. Make an appointment with 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. The specific information regarding the admission requirements for each health science program can be reviewed [here](#).
5. Complete a [Health Sciences Limited Access Application](#) for the desired Health Science program(s). A separate application must be made for each program. Each application for admission to a particular program will incur a \$20.00, non-refundable Health Science application fee [payable online](#) or at any campus Cashier's Office.
6. Activate the free BC e-mail address. Information about setting up the e-mail account can be found [here](#). **All communication regarding admission decisions will be sent to this email address.**

**Q: When can I submit my application for admission to a health science program?**

**A:** The application periods with associated deadlines for all health science programs are located on the [Health Science Degree Programs and Pre-Requisite Requirements](#) form. Student may mail their completed application to the campus where their desired program is being offered. Campus addresses and program locations are listed on the admission application. There is also a Health Science Admission Office located at both the North and Central campuses. The staff is located in Bldg. 19/Rm. 101 on Central campus, and Bldg. 46/Rm. 253 on North campus.

**Q: Is there a waiting list for any of the health science programs?**

**A:** There are no wait-lists for any of the health science programs. Students not selected for a specific class in any of the health science programs must re-apply in order to be considered for the next incoming class.

**Q: If I previously applied to a health science program, will I be required to pay the \$20 application fee again?**

**A:** Each program application must be accompanied by a \$20.00, non-refundable Health Science application fee regardless of having submitted the fee previously.

**Q: Can I submit my application for admission to a health science program prior to completing the program's pre-requisites?**

**A:** No. Students who submit their application prior to completing the pre-requisites will not be considered for admission. All pre-requisites must be completed and passed with a grade of "C" or above in order for the application to be processed.

**Q: Is it necessary to have a background screening and/or drug testing as part of the admissions requirements for a health science program?**

**A:** 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 course. 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.

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.

**Q: What are the ramifications of failing a drug screening or a background check?**

**A:** Dependent upon the severity of the incident, individuals who fail to meet the requirements of the screenings may be subject to further scrutiny or dismissal from the program. Should failure to successfully pass either the drug screening or the background check occur during the process of being accepted into a program, the student may not be admitted to the program.

**Q: Does the entire Pre-Health Science Core need to be completed prior to submitting an application for admission to a health science program?**

**A:** Most Health Science programs require completion of all of the 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. A few programs do not require completion of HCP0130 prior to submitting an application. Program prerequisites are identified on the [Health Science Degree Programs and Pre-Requisite Requirements](#) form. This form will list which of the Pre-Health Science Core requirements must be completed for each program of interest.

- Q: If I completed the required CAE courses at another institution/outside provider, how would I receive credit for the courses?**
- A: Students who provide proof of current CAE certificates may submit copies of those certificates to the Health Science Admissions staff. Students who are currently employed in a capacity to provide direct patient care may be eligible for a waiver from the HCP0130 course and should submit their documentation to the health science admission staff.
- Q: Can college level courses that I completed at other institutions be applied to the Broward College program requirements?**
- A: Students who wish to transfer Health Science credits from another college should contact the appropriate program manager for a copy of the transfer policies and procedures. No student can obtain a Health Science degree unless she/he has completed 25% of the coursework at Broward College.
- Q: How many students are accepted into the health science programs each year?**
- A: The number of students selected to begin each program is limited and varies with the availability of clinical facilities, state licensing regulations, and other related criteria. The individual program web sites have additional details regarding enrollment capacities.
- Q: As a health science student, am I eligible for financial aid?**
- A: All Broward College students may apply for financial aid. Information about how to apply for financial aid and available scholarships can be found [here](#).
- Q: What hospitals partner with BC to offer health science clinical rotations?**
- A: Broward College partners with most of the Broward County hospitals, clinics and medical offices as well as several Palm Beach facilities. Students will be assigned to different clinical sites to meet the program's competencies.
- Q: If a HOSA student would like to apply for admission to a health science program, will they automatically be accepted to the program requested?**
- A: No one is automatically accepted into any health science program. All HOSA students must meet all admission criteria including their desired program pre-requisites. The Nursing program's admission criteria point system does award HOSA students (five) 5 additional points.
- Q: How do I find out about my admission status to a health science program?**
- A: **Application status information is available online through applicants MyBC account.** Applicants should log in to their MyBC account from the Broward College homepage at [www.broward.edu](http://www.broward.edu) then click on the "Limited Access" icon at the bottom left upon entering the student portal home page. Applicant status and completion of admission criteria requirements are accessible on this screen.
- Q: How will I be notified of my acceptance to the health science program(s) for which I applied?**
- A: Time sensitive **acceptance notifications will be sent to student's free BC email account requesting confirmation of their acceptance, when admission decisions are made** 30 days following the close of a program's application period. E-mails are sent from [healthscience@broward.edu](mailto:healthscience@broward.edu).

**Q: How can I defer my seat in a particular program?**

**A:** Once a student has been accepted into a health science program, he/she has a **one-time** option of deferring that acceptance for the next offering of the program. The deferral is handled as a priority re-seating that is only available for the next offering of the program and cannot be extended. The student must **email the Admissions office** at [healthscience@broward.edu](mailto:healthscience@broward.edu) to request the deferral.

**Q: If I am not accepted into the program for which I have applied, do I need to re-apply for the next class and pay the application fee again?**

**A:** Yes, when you submit the Limited Access Application, you are applying to be accepted into a specific program that begins during a specific semester. You will need to resubmit another Limited Access Application with its fee should you decide to re-apply for the next offering of the program.

**Q: Are there any specific performance standards that I need to comply with in order to succeed in a health science program?**

**A:** Each program has specific Technical Performance Standards that should be reviewed by the student to determine individual ability to comply with the standards. Students must be able to meet the standards of performance in order to progress in their course and clinical work and ultimately graduate from any of the respective health science programs. These standards include meeting certain physical demands associated with the profession.

**Q: Does the College provide transportation to the clinical sites if needed?**

**A:** Students must have reliable transportation to and from Broward College and to and from any assigned clinical facility. The College or clinical facility does not provide transportation. The student assumes all risks driving to and from the assigned clinical site.

**Q: Are uniforms provided by the College?**

**A:** 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.

**Q: Am I required to have a 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 examination. A student may not enroll in a clinical course unless the health form has been submitted and reviewed by the program manager. Health forms for each Health Science program are online [here](#). Broward College also requires that all Health Science students obtain the Hepatitis B vaccine prior to admission or sign a waiver.

**For Program-Specific Information, including “Frequently Asked Questions”,  
click on the name of the program:**

[Dental Assisting](#)

[Dental Hygiene](#)

[Diagnostic Medical Sonography](#)

[Emergency Medical Services](#)

[Health Information Management](#)

[Massage Therapy](#)

[Medical Assisting](#)

[Nuclear Medicine](#)

[Nursing](#)

[Physical Therapist Assistant](#)

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