

Health Care Studies

The Health Care Studies Program is designed for students interested in entering the health care profession. The Program provides students with the foundational courses necessary to either enter one of the College's other health care programs, or, for interested students, transfer to bachelor degree programs in the health sciences fields such as nursing, health information management, occupational therapy and speech therapy. The program also enables students to graduate with an A.A. degree in Health Care Studies. While in the Program, students may also opt to obtain a proficiency certificate to enhance their knowledge and skills of a particular area in Health Care and to increase their employment opportunities upon graduation from the College.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Communicate effectively with others orally and in writing.
- Demonstrate quantitative reasoning skills, particularly as they apply to the health care setting.
- Explain the factors that influence health and disease.
- Explain social and psychological factors that influence human behavior.
- Define a career goal and map the pathway required to reach that goal.

Program Entry Requirements: Students are typically required to take the College's placement tests at their time of entry. Students identified as needing developmental course work must satisfactorily complete the appropriate English and mathematics courses as a part of the degree program.

Program of Study and Graduation Requirements: Allied Health 101, Introduction to the Health Care Professions, must be taken before 12 college credits have been earned. This course is a cornerstone of the Health Care Studies program, requiring students to define a career goal and outline the academic process required to reach that goal. It is recommended that students who transfer into the program with earned credits take AH 101 during their first semester in the Health Care Studies Program.

To qualify for the A.A. Degree in Health Care Studies, students must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours as prescribed and attain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and complete all course and credit requirements with no grade below a "C" in any course.

Health Care Studies Course Sequence

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
FIRST SEMESTER			
ENGL 101 - English Composition I		3	ENGL 101
FNMT 118 - Intermediate Algebra or higher		3	Mathematics
CIS 103 - Applied Computer Technology		3	Tech Comp
AH 101 - Introduction to the Health Care Professions		3	
Choose one: BIOL 106 - General Biology I or BIOL 109 - Anatomy and Physiology I ¹		4	Natural Science
SECOND SEMESTER			
ENGL 102 - The Research Paper	ENGL 101 with a C or better	3	Info Lit and ENGL 102
Choose one: MATH 150 - Introductory Data Analysis or MATH 251 - Statistics for Science	FNMT 118 with a grade of "C" or better or MATH 161 (or higher) placement.	3/4	
SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology		3	Social Science. Writing Intensive, Interpretive Studies, American/Global Diversity
Choose from BIOL 108 - Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology, BIOL 109 - Anatomy and Physiology I, or BIOL 110 - Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	BIOL 110 requires BIOL 109 with a grade of "C" or better as a prerequisite	4	
Choose one: AH 116 - Interpersonal and Professional Skills in the Health Care Setting or ENGL 115 - Public Speaking	For AH 116: no prerequisite For ENGL 115: ENGL 101 , which may be taken concurrently	3	
THIRD SEMESTER			
Humanities Elective		3	Humanities
Choose one: PSYC 101, PSYC 215 or Health Elective ²	PSYC 215 requires PSYC 101 or BIOL 109 as a prerequisite	3	

Health ² or Science Elective ³		3/4	
Choose one: DIET 106 - Nutrition for a Healthy Lifestyle or DIET 111 - Introduction to Nutrition	For DIET 111: ENGL 101 and BIOL 109	3	
General Elective ⁴		3/4	
FOURTH SEMESTER			
Choose one: PSYC 101, PSYC 215 or Health Elective ²	PSYCH 215 requires PSYCH 101 or BIOL 109 as a prerequisite	3	
Health ² or Science elective ³		3/4	
General Elective ⁴		3/4	
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MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE		60	

¹ Students should select Biology courses according to academic goal. Required science courses vary per program or certificate.

² Health Elective – includes any Allied Health, Clinical Laboratory Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Imaging, Nursing, Ophthalmic Technician, or Respiratory course.

³ Science Elective – includes any Biology, Chemistry, Physics or STS course.

⁴ All students must have a minimum of 60 credits in order to graduate. Depending on courses selected above, the number of general electives required will vary. Students must earn at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and complete all course and credit requirements with no grade below a “C” in any course.

General Education Requirements: All General Education requirements are met through required courses as indicated above. A more detailed explanation of the College’s general education requirements can be found on the Web page at ccp.edu/degree_requirements.php.

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