

## Been thinking about what to do with the rest of your life?

If you're ready to graduate from high school or want to make a career change, **think about a career in Health Sciences.** Completion of a program can position you to enter the work force as a true professional.

**Demand is high. Salaries are great.** You have an opportunity to make a difference. Work hours may be flexible.

For many of the programs, admission is competitive. There are courses you must take before you apply, and there is a background check and a drug screen. Many of the programs are accredited by national boards, and you must pass a licensing examination prior to being employed.

Check out each program on the department's website ([www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci](http://www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci)).

### At HCC you will find:

- Small classes
- Individual attention from professors who know your name
- Convenient locations
- Low cost

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This fast-paced career requires an interest in helping people, excellent critical thinking skills, and an aptitude for math and science. With a shortage of nurses nationwide, you can work part-time or full-time and have your pick of jobs, hours and employers.

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HEALTH SCIENCES  
**Nursing**



**HCC offers three program options** for students who wish to pursue a degree in nursing. There is the nursing basic degree, the transition degree for licensed practical nurses (LPN) and paramedics, and the nursing basic degree offered evenings and weekends.

The HCC nursing basic program is the traditional course of study, and it is offered during the day hours on two campuses - Dale Mabry and Plant City.

Individuals who are LPNs or paramedics are eligible to enroll in an accelerated program leading to an associate's degree in nursing and subsequently be in a position to take the licensing examination.

The process for application to the evening/weekend option program is the same as the nursing basic option offered during the day hours.

**According to the U.S. Department of Labor,** health care is one of the fastest growing industries with employment opportunities increasing dramatically through this century. There are several reasons for the need for health sciences professionals. First, people are living longer; therefore, they require more ongoing and specialized medical treatment. Geriatric health care providers will be in demand in retirement communities, senior citizen centers, acute living facilities, home care settings, hospitals, clinics, and private practices. Expansion of new technology, organ transplantation, and genetic engineering will also continue the increase in the need for professionals in health care fields. Finally, availability of procedures outside of traditional hospital and office settings will greatly impact the industry as more people use outpatient clinics, surgery centers, HMOs, and mobile offices for treatment options.



**Students in the nursing programs** receive an exceptional education experience that combines rigorous classroom and laboratory study with clinical experiences in local hospitals and related treatment facilities. Graduates are able to sit for their professional license and certification examinations because the programs are nationally accredited. As you might expect, job placement rates and starting salaries are high in health care fields.

**Interested students** must follow a special application procedure to be considered for the College's nursing programs. You may request a packet of information including an application be sent to you by calling 813.253.7231. Also visit the College's website ([www.hccfl.edu](http://www.hccfl.edu)) and the Division's website ([www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci](http://www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci)) for more information. You may contact an advisor or counselor on any campus to discuss your situation and to get assistance in the application process. Don't delay. If you have any questions about the admissions process or the status of your application, please contact Health Sciences Admissions, Student Services, at the Dale Mabry Campus.



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**Graduates are eligible** to take the National Council Licensure Examination to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN).

The nursing profession has a rich heritage, a tradition of high ethical standards, and a reputation for true service to humanity. Qualified nursing professionals are in great demand due to the worldwide nursing shortage. Career opportunities are plentiful for men and women in hospitals, outpatient clinics, medical offices, and public

health. Salaries have been rising rapidly in recent years. Graduates may obtain further certifications and work in specialties such as critical care, surgery, pediatrics, and obstetrics.

HCC's registered nursing program leads to an Associate in Science degree. Most students require two years to complete the program. Transition students (LPNs and paramedics) take an accelerated 18-month track. Academic preparation is combined with practical experiences in hospitals and other

health care settings. HCC's nursing program articulates with BSN programs all over Florida. HCC's nursing program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing and the NLNAC, the national nursing education accrediting body. Contact Rise Sandrowitz at 813.253.7268 or [rsandrowitz@hccfl.edu](mailto:rsandrowitz@hccfl.edu) for details.



### Applicants to the nursing programs

must complete certain courses which are referred to as prerequisites. Prerequisites in math, English, anatomy & physiology, sociology, and microbiology are required prior to application into the nursing program. Acceptance into the nursing program is based on a ranking of applicants by grade point averages of prerequisites. There is no admissions waiting list at HCC. Visit our website for more information: [www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci](http://www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci). Once you are at the Health Sciences Division's homepage,

select HS Booklet for admissions information and Nursing for program information. There is a specific admissions application for the nursing programs. Complete the Nursing Admissions Application, not the Health Sciences Admissions Application.

**Nursing classes** include legal/ethical issues, nutrition, communication, pharmacology, and cultural diversity as common threads throughout the program. Students will take classes in fundamentals, adult health, maternal health, pediatrics, psychiatrics, and leadership.



**The nursing program** is offered daytime at both Dale Mabry and Plant City campuses. We have an evening/ Saturday option offered at the Dale Mabry campus only. The transition program is also only offered daytime at the Dale Mabry campus.

