

Hillsborough College - Dale Mabry Campus

Health Sciences Admissions

We appreciate your interest in the Hillsborough College limited-access Health Science Programs. You must submit a complete application packet by the deadline; otherwise, you will have an incomplete application. Applicants must be 18 years old by the first day of classes. Use this checklist to verify and complete **ALL** the requirements **BEFORE** applying.

PROGRAMS DEADLINES

Jan 15 – Summer

Paramedic
Nursing Transition

May 15 – Fall

Dental Hygiene
Nuclear Medicine
Respiratory Care

August 15 – Spring

Nursing Basic

Feb 15 – Fall

Echocardiography
Radiation Therapy

June 15 – Fall

Radiography
Sonography
Surgical Technology

Nursing Basic
Paramedic

Dental Assisting
ATC MLS

Sept 15 – Spring

Cardiac Cath
Surgical Technology
Paramedic
ATC Radiation Therapy
Specialist
MRI - Currently on Pause

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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1	Online General Admission Application: Students who have not attended Hillsborough College within the last academic year (three or more semesters) must complete a new college admission application. <i>International students</i> , access International Students for information; additional admission requirements may apply.
2	COMPLETION OF ALL THE REQUIRED COURSES (prerequisites) before the program deadline. If you have not finished your prerequisites by the deadline and apply, your application will be incomplete. Click Health Sciences Admissions for program requirements.
3	Official high school transcript or GED scores. – An official transcript showing graduation is required before the deadline. Students who have been awarded a college degree and provided a transcript showing the degree do not need to submit a high school transcript.
4	Request that your official transcripts be sent to Hillsborough College. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All colleges, universities, trade schools, technical schools, or other institutions attended. All coursework and degrees awarded. ○ Dual Enrollment - A transcript is required for college courses completed at a college or university while in high school. ○ Foreign transcripts - An evaluation and translation by an approved service is required. Visit www.naces.org to find an evaluation or translation service. ○ A Hillsborough College transcript is not needed. ○ If the College has ALL your transcripts, you do not need to resend them. IMPORTANT: You are responsible for ensuring they are official and up to date. ○ It is highly recommended to request transcripts with plenty of time to ensure they are received before the deadline. Late transcripts are not considered. <p>To check if your transcripts have been received, log in to your Student Portal account, check the Admission & Registration - Transcripts & Documents section, or visit any of our campuses, Admissions, Registration, and Records Office to ensure they were received and are official. If you have a transcript showing a term with courses in progress (prerequisites), you must provide an updated transcript before the deadline; otherwise, the application will be incomplete.</p>
5	Request and submit official AP, IB, CLEP, AICE scores, or other tests completed during high school or college, if college credit was received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scores/grades listed on transcripts from other academic institutions are not considered official. ○ Scores showing successful completion of a prerequisite course must be received from the official testing source by the deadline of the program. <p>Students must request the scores with enough time to ensure receipt by the deadline. For example, testing sources could take about 10-14 days to process your request.</p>
6	A minimum overall/cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to all programs, but it does not guarantee admission to a Program.
7	Health Sciences Application. COMPLETE an application for EACH Program. Ensure you click "Submit" at the end to complete the submission process.
8	\$53 Health Sciences application fee: (Non-refundable fee) – Upload a copy of the receipt with the application. A \$10 application fee applies to the second or each additional application form for the same start term.

SPECIFIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A	Attendance to Program Information Session: (APPLIES TO ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY, DENTAL HYGIENE, RADIATION THERAPY, RESPIRATORY CARE, SONOGRAPHY, and SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY). Visit the Hillsborough College website, the specific program page for scheduled dates, and the registration link. Add your attendance form/certificate with your application. Ensure your attendance form has your name and Student ID.
B	TEAS test scores: (APPLIES TO NURSING and MLS) Students must take the TEAS entrance exam before they apply. The test must be taken IN PERSON; remote or online testing is not accepted. A copy of your scores must be added to your application. Applicants are allowed three attempts per calendar year, but there must be a 30-day gap between each attempt. Not following the 30-day policy between attempts will result in cancellation of all attempts for the year. Scores of all attempts must be submitted with the application. Starting with the January 2026 deadline, online versions will not be accepted for admission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NURSING - A minimum score of 60% is needed to pass the test. Passing the test does not guarantee admission, but not passing it assures the application will be incomplete. - MLS - Admission is based on TEAS test scores. The higher your test scores, the better your chances of admission.
C	English and Math: (APPLIES TO PARAMEDIC and DENTAL ASSISTING) - Completed through college coursework or placement test scores. Scores are valid for only two years, and the 7-year retake policy applies. If your math course is older than seven years, contact an academic advisor for a referral to take the PERT. PARAMEDIC - Have a college-level course or college-level placement scores for reading, writing, and math. DENTAL ASSISTING - Have a college-level course or college-level placement scores for reading, writing, and complete the first level of preparatory math.
D	Florida License and an official transcript showing Program completion. (APPLIES TO PARAMEDIC, NURSING TRANSITION, ATC RADIATION THERAPY SPECIALIST)
E	ARRT, Florida License, and CPR certification (ONLY ATC Radiation Therapy Specialist)
F	Employment verification letter/email: PARAMEDIC - Students who work with a community of interest employer. Students must be hired or working with the community of interest employer before the program deadline. If the student is employed after the deadline, they will not be considered for priority selection based on employment. Job offers or letters/emails are not accepted. NURSING TRANSITION - If you completed your LPN Program more than five years ago, you must include an employment verification letter (on official employer letterhead) or an email as proof of 6 consecutive months of full-time employment as an LPN during the last three years.
G	A minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.8 is required for admission to the Cardiac Cath, ATC-MLS, Nursing, and Surgical Technology programs. Having a prerequisite GPA of 2.8 or higher does not guarantee admission. Students applying to most of the programs are ranked by their prerequisite GPA.

IMPORTANT ADMISSION DETAILS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU APPLY:

DEADLINE: Applications close at 11:59 p.m. on the specified deadline date. No late applications will be accepted.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Admission is based on a complete application packet received before the deadline. Students will be ranked by their prerequisite GPA (based on grades in the required courses) in most programs, and those with the highest prerequisite GPA will be offered a seat.

- Programs where the prerequisite GPA ranks you for admission: Cardiac Cath, Echocardiography, Dental Hygiene, Nuclear Medicine, Nursing, Paramedic, Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Respiratory Care, Sonography, and Surgical Technology.
- Hillsborough College Overall/cumulative GPA is the tiebreaker. The Dental Assisting students are ranked based on their overall GPA. ATC MLS applicants are ranked and selected based on their TEAS scores, and the bachelor's degree overall GPA serves as the tiebreaker.

REPEATING/WITHDRAWING PREREQUISITE COURSE:

- RETAKE/EXPIRATION POLICY. Math and science prerequisite courses completed more than seven (7) years before the program deadline will expire and MUST be retaken before applying. It would be best to visit <https://www.hccfl.edu/academics/subjects/health-and-medical/health-sciences-admissions> and refer to the Health Sciences Handbook, specifically pages 13 and 14. Additionally, you can review updated information regarding retakes, deductions, and policies for the first successful attempt.
- DEDUCTIONS – A deduction will apply to students with more than two retakes/attempts seven years or less before the deadline. Contact or meet with an academic advisor [Academic Advising | Hillsborough Community College](#) or email Health Sciences Admissions at healthsciences@hccfl.edu if you have questions.
- Check the [Health Sciences Handbook](#), pages 13 and 14.

COMMUNICATION: Your Hawkmail is your primary tool of communication.

- After you apply, all communications will only be sent to your **Hawkmail**. Please remember to include your Student ID in all emails. It will help our Health Sciences Admissions team assist you more effectively.
- Students are highly encouraged to check their HAWKMAIL regularly after applying.
- You will receive a confirmation email after you apply. Please read carefully, as it contains essential admission information to help you understand the admission process and the waiting period until you receive your admission notification.
- Admission notification includes time-sensitive information; if responses are not received by the deadline, students risk losing the opportunity to be admitted to a Program.
- Questions? Please email us at healthsciences@hccfl.edu, and be sure to include your student ID number.

REMINDERS:

- A late or missing transcript or supporting document will automatically render your application incomplete.
- Complete all the prerequisites and requirements before applying.
- Recommendation letters, voluntary services, and college degrees are not considered for admission.
- If you finish and submit all the requirements before the deadline, prepare and enjoy your time before you know your admission status. Once you start the program, it's going to be a fast and challenging ride!

BEST OF LUCK!