Change lives for the better.
HCC’s excellent health sciences programs help sustain Tampa Bay’s healthcare workforce and provide a higher quality of care for patients.

The health sciences programs at HCC help students develop critical thinking, lifelong learning skills, and practical application of best practices in the field. Students learn from accomplished faculty and learn side-by-side in a small group of students who aspire to make a difference in people’s lives.

Health Sciences at HCC

From fast-paced careers like nursing and emergency medical services to detail-oriented, focused fields like opticianry and radiography, the health sciences offer boundless opportunities. As the health care industry continues to grow, dedicated and skilled professionals are in demand and earn high salaries.

HCC’s top-notch health sciences programs are led by talented faculty members and designed to help students zero in on the training needed to pursue their passions. To round out their experiences, students can take advantage of study abroad programs and community service projects to serve others while honing their skills. HCC graduates have high pass rates on national exams, allowing them to quickly and successfully enter the workforce.

For more information, visit hccfl.edu/healthsciences.
Admissions

Health sciences careers are in demand, with great salaries and opportunities to make a difference. Planning is the key to academic success. First, apply online at hccfl.edu/registernow.

Some programs are limited access—meaning that admission is competitive, based on ranking of applicants for specific criteria. A background check and drug screen are also required. Graduates of most programs must pass a licensing or certification exam prior to employment.

For detailed information including admissions criteria, please visit hccfl.edu/healthsciences and click on the Health Sciences Handbook.

Health Sciences
2012 Average Hourly Wage Estimates by Program*

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*Occupational wage information sourced from floridajobs.org.
Counseling and Human Services

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Turn your people skills and interest in psychology and counseling into a career in the expanding field of human services. You’ll learn the skills necessary to help people who are experiencing life problems through coursework and supervised internships in local social service and mental health agencies. Most courses in the program are offered in the evening to accommodate working adults. The program prepares students to enter the human services workforce and pursue further education. Coursework is transferable toward a bachelor’s degree at several local universities, including the University of South Florida.

The HCC counseling and human services program is accredited by Council for Standards in Human Service Education, 3337 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 571.257.3959, web: cshse.org, email: info@cshse.org.

Dental Assisting

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Dental assistants assist the dentist in treating and examining patients by preparing and sterilizing dental instruments, and passing the dentist proper instruments at the right time. As an expanded function dental assistant, you will take and process radiographs, take impressions for study models, fabricate temporary crowns, apply fluoride treatments, and place sealants. A dental assistant can work in a private dental office, dental clinic, or sales, and students can work full- or part-time. HCC operates a state-of-the-art dental clinic where dentists, dental hygiene students, and dental assisting students can work together in an innovative program to provide dental care. Local dental offices offer HCC students work experience prior to graduation. Dental assisting graduates will be Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA) for Florida, and they are also prepared to take the Dental Assisting National Board to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) for the U.S.

The program in dental assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted accreditation status of approval without reporting. The commission is a specialized addressing body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312.440.4653 or at 211 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. The Commission’s web address is www.ada.org/100.aspx.

Dental Hygiene

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Dental hygienists are individuals with the skills and knowledge to perform preventive dental procedures and oral hygiene education under the guidance of a dentist. Graduates can be licensed after passing national and state or regional board examinations. This academically rigorous program offers the opportunity to enter a profession that one can pursue on a full-time or part-time basis. HCC operates a state-of-the-art dental clinic. Dentists, dental hygiene students, and dental assisting students work together in an innovative program to provide dental care. The clinic gives HCC students work experience prior to graduation.

The program in dental hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted accreditation status of approval without reporting. The commission is a specialized addressing body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312.440.4653 or at 211 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. The Commission’s web address is www.ada.org/100.aspx.
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Sonography is a medical specialty that uses high frequency sound waves to create images of the human body. Ultrasound is a very dynamic technology in the field of diagnostic imaging that uses the returning echos of sound waves that were emitted in the direction of specific organs in the body to produce an image of that organ. These sound waves are analyzed to help physicians diagnose medical problems. Sonography is used to check the human body from head to toe. The program at HCC is 24 months in length, there are 12 mandatory clinical rotations, and a new class begins in the fall term only. Graduates of this program are prepared to take the national licensing board exam-ARDMS.

The HCC diagnostic medical sonography program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP), 1316 Park St., Clearwater, FL 33756, web: caahep.org.

Here is a job where you’ll run from one crisis to another. You must have a cool head, thrive on excitement, and work well under pressure to be successful in emergency medical services. At HCC, you can advance your career at your own pace through our tri-segment program. Our one-semester emergency medical technician program is the place to start. Next in sequence is the paramedic program where you’ll learn life support techniques. Then you can wrap up your education and training with an associate in science degree. EMT is offered on Dale Mabry, SouthShore, and Plant City Campuses. EMT graduates are eligible for both Florida and national certification by passing the National Registry for EMTs. Paramedic graduates are eligible to take the Florida Paramedic Certification Exam and National Registry Certification Exam for Paramedic separately.

The HCC EMS program is fully accredited by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, web: fl-ems.com. In addition, the paramedic program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP), web: caahep.org.

Consider a career in nuclear medicine, a specialty that uses radioactive materials to diagnose and treat illnesses such as cancer and dysfunctional thyroid disease. Technologists prepare and inject radio-pharmaceutical materials, position patients for imaging procedures to examine for heart, liver, lung, brain, and kidney diseases, and work up diagnostic data for doctors. New classes begin each fall term, and graduates are eligible to become certified through examination by one of the national certifying agencies and obtain state licensure.

The HCC nuclear medicine technology program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology, 2000 W. Danforth Rd., STE 130, #203, Edmond, OK. 73003. 405.285.0546, web: jrcnmt.org. email: jrcnmt@coxinet.net.
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This fast-paced career requires helping people, excellent critical thinking skills, ability to work with advanced technology, and an aptitude for math and science. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (R.N.). The program is offered at the Dale Mabry, Plant City and South Shore Campuses. There are three program choices—an accelerated transition program for LPNs, an evening/weekend program, and the traditional weekday nursing program.

The HCC nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.975.5000, web: acenursing.org.

Can you see yourself as a manager of a retail optical store or as an essential part of the “eye care delivery system” as an optician who measures, fits and adapts eyeglasses and contact lenses? At HCC, you’ll learn what you need to know about topics like safety, sports vision, and customer service, and gain clinical experience in the program’s state-of-the-art dispensary and at affiliated sites. For the opticianry program, the student has the option of a campus-based or distance learning program. Graduates are eligible to become certified through examination by one of the national certifying agencies and obtain state licensure.

The HCC opticianry program is accredited by Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA), PO Box 592, Canton NY, 13617, web: coaccreditation.com.

Radiation therapists are valuable members of the cancer management team. Students must have strong math and science skills coupled with critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Graduates are eligible to apply for the national examination and state license. Radiation therapists work directly with patients receiving high-energy treatments using cutting-edge technology. Certified therapists enjoy mobility in a field where they will find jobs in administration, education, dosimetry, simulation, and patient care. Each fall term a new class begins the two-year program.

The radiation therapy program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology recognized by the United States Department of Education, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850 Chicago, IL 60606-3182, phone: 312.704.5300, fax: 312.704.5304, email: mail@jrcert.org.
Radiography

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Radiographers are professionals who take x-ray images. By the time you get your degree, you’ll know plenty about anatomy and radiologic sciences and how to take and evaluate x-ray images. A new class begins each fall, and the program runs for 22 months. Students are required to have strong math and science skills, and the program emphasizes patient care practices in didactic and clinical settings. Graduates are eligible to apply for the national examination and state license.

The radiography program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, recognized by the United States Department of Education. JRCERT: 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60606-2901, 312.704.5300, www.jrcert.org, email: mail@jrcert.org

Respiratory Care

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Whether you’re monitoring patients on ventilators or assisting doctors and nurses with other duties, you’ll be helping people who can’t live without you. That’s what being a respiratory therapist is all about. As a vital part of the health care team, respiratory therapists treat patients who have difficulty breathing due to pulmonary or cardiac disease. Therapists also work with premature infants, pediatric patients, trauma victims, and patients requiring life support. Graduates are eligible to take the national certification examinations necessary for state licensure.

The respiratory care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021-4244, 817.283.2835, www.coarc.com.

Sign Language Interpretation

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Picture yourself as a sign language interpreter bridging the communication gap between two or more people who do not use the same language. Because of you, doctors can treat Deaf patients and teachers can teach Deaf students. Students looking for a career in sign language interpreting must have excellent English skills, a strong desire to work in a field driven by ethical and professional behaviors and good people skills. Coursework includes American Sign Language, Deaf Culture, and Interpreting Skills Development. A practicum and internship are required. Graduates will find full- and part-time work in a variety of community and educational settings but will need to attain a four-year degree to sit for national certification.
In compliance with U.S. Department of Education regulations, HCC provides information to assist students in making an informed decision about their education. Visit hccfl.edu/gainfulemployment for program data.

HCC Live Information Center
HCC Live is a resource for questions about admissions, registration, financial aid, advising and other college resources. Please call 1.877.736.2575 or 813.253.7000, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., seven days a week, or visit the HCC Live information portal at hccfl.edu for answers to frequently asked questions.

The HCC Dale Mabry Campus wants to help you achieve your educational goals. Apply online today and enroll in six easy steps. Simply visit hccfl.edu/registernow.

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