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GUIDE FOR COUNSELORS

This guide has been prepared for counselors for advising students who have indicated that they wish to enroll in a Linkage program. It includes information on all linkage programs, program requirements, selection procedures, and other information to assist the counselor in advising prospective Linkage students. The guide will be reviewed annually and revised as needed.

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WHAT IS A LINKAGE SYSTEM?

The Linkage System is a cooperative agreement among four colleges in the Tampa Bay area. The Linkage System offers students the opportunity to enter identified quota-based or unique occupational programs which are not available at their own institutions. Students selected for admission to a Linkage program may be dually enrolled and will be required to conform to all program requirements, as well as institutional policies and procedures of both colleges.

ADVANTAGES TO STUDENTS
1. An opportunity to select from a greater variety of programs which are not available at their own institution.

2. A chance to apply through the local college for a reserved place in Linkage programs at other colleges.

3. Priority over non-Linkage students applying to a Linkage System quota program.

4. Linkage program requirements may be taken at the local college when available.

ADVANTAGES TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR A COLLEGE
1. Eliminates the need for duplicated high-cost programs in each college.

2. Identifies students from other institutions that would be prepared to enter the Linkage program with the appropriate prerequisites.

3. Guarantees a specified number of seats for students from each Linkage college.

4. Increases enrollment at both the local and the linkage college.

5. Increases utilization of existing facilities and equipment.

6. Provides all linkage communities with competent employees in fields where training is not immediately available in the community.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT
Courses taken at the local college that apply to program requirements of the Linkage program will be transferred to the Linkage college as part of the student’s complete transcript.

FINANCIAL AID
Financial aid may be available to Linkage students. Students should check with their college Financial Aid officer to obtain correct information and application procedures. Students will need to alert the financial aid officer of the dual-enrollment factor.
CRITERIA FOR LINKAGE PROGRAMS

An occupational program is considered for the Linkage program when:

1. It is the only program of its kind in the area being served by the Linkage colleges.

2. There are adequate facilities and equipment to serve additional students from other Linkage colleges.

3. It is approved by the Linkage Executive Committee according to their institutional procedures.

4. Training can be provided for a region more economically than for one community or college.

WHAT ARE THE LINKAGE PROGRAMS?

The current list of Linkage programs that have limited enrollments and special selection and admission requirements, and the college where these programs are offered are:

**Cardiovascular Technology**
- Polk State College

**Dental Hygiene**
- Hillsborough Community College
- Pasco-Hernando State College
- St. Petersburg College

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology**
- Hillsborough Community College
- Polk State College

**Nuclear Medicine Technology**
- Hillsborough Community College

**Occupational Therapy Assistant**
- Polk State College

**Radiation Therapy**
- Hillsborough Community College

**Respiratory Care**
- Hillsborough Community College
- Polk State College
- St. Petersburg College
Counselors in each linkage college should maintain close contact with the Linkage Administrator for the college in all matters pertaining to Linkage programs. The Linkage Administrator for each linkage college is:

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**LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM QUOTAS**

Student quotas assigned to each Linkage college for selected Linkage programs are listed below. Deadline reflects date transmittal form must be received by the linkage college:

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GENERAL LINKAGE INSTRUCTIONS

TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR LINKAGE PROGRAMS
The programs listed in this handbook are designed to allow students, after acceptance into a program, to complete each program in approximately two (2) years. However, students should be advised to follow a program course sequence as listed in this handbook and to make frequent use of the counseling services available at each Linkage college. Counseling services will include, in addition to regular college counselors, program coordinators, and faculty.

PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING STUDENTS FOR LINKAGE PROGRAMS
Candidates for a Linkage program must be screened according to the established procedures of the home college, and only candidates approved by the Linkage Administrator for the home college will be accepted for final consideration at the Linkage College.

1. Student meets with home college counseling department and identifies his/her choice of a Linkage program.

2. Counselor advises student of selected Linkage program requirements, selection process, testing requirements, and program admission requirements. It is the student’s responsibility to complete all admissions requirements and application to the receiving institution.

3. After the student completes 15 hours at the home institution, the student may contact the department chairman/program director at the Linkage College for questions about the program.

4. Linkage students must meet individual program GPA minimum. A selection process may occur when Linkage students are chosen.

5. Unused linkage slots will revert to native students.

6. Student completing screening process is recommended by a counselor to the Linkage Administrator for approval as an applicant to the selected Linkage program. The counselor collects the program application form and pertinent documents from the students, and forwards the documents to the Linkage Administrator. Students must have completed or be currently taking all prerequisite courses in order to be recommended by the counselor for linkage.

7. The Linkage Administrator receives and/or completes the Student Transmittal form and sends copies of the form and a copy of the student’s transcript to the Linkage Administrator at the receiving school.
8. A student recommended as an applicant to a selected Linkage program will be required to complete any additional program admission requirements, as necessary, for the selected Linkage program.

9. Admission to a Linkage program will be ultimately made by the Linkage College.

10. Deadline dates for submission of transfer forms are listed on the data sheet for each individual program and in the section of the handbook stating program information.

11. Receiving institution will send a response to all applicants.

12. Receiving institution will complete the “Action by receiving college” portion of the Linkage Transmittal Form and return it to the home college Executive Committee member.

HCC – Drug Screening & Criminal Background Check Policies

*Drug Screening*
In accordance with HCC Administrative Rule 6HX-10-3.020, all health science students accepting a seat in a program must pass a drug screening test to satisfactorily demonstrate that they are free from the use of any illegal drug or unprescribed controlled substance described or named in law. The student will be responsible for the cost associated with the drug screening test

*Criminal Background Check*
In accordance with HCC Administrative Rule 6HX-10-3.0202, all health science program applicants accepted must successfully complete a criminal background check. The student will be responsible for the cost associated with the background check.

Polk State – Admission Policy

Applicants who meet the application and admission requirements of their chosen program are admitted by selective criteria based on program-specific procedures outlined in this manual. Students who meet their health program’s eligibility requirements may submit an application by the designated timeframe. At the point of entrance into a health program, students must continue to meet that program’s eligibility criteria.

Students enrolled in health-related programs will be subject to a background check and drug screening. Students enrolled may also be subject to the drug and/or alcohol testing policies of affiliating agencies. Students with criminal records will be subject to admission criteria set by each program related to criminal histories.
PHSC – Admission Policy
Applicants who meet the selective admissions requirements must complete all program requirements and submit all application materials to the Admissions and Student Records Office, West Campus, by the application deadline date specified in the PHSC College Catalog.

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screens
Criminal background checks and drug screens are required by all health occupations students. Information regarding background checks and drug screen will be available at the mandatory program orientation. Clinical agencies have the right to deny students access based on past criminal history and drug screen results. Applicants to health programs must be aware that denial of access to clinical settings due to criminal history/positive drug screen may prevent students from completing their program successfully. The cost of the background check and drug screen is incurred by the student.

SPC – Admission Policy
Applicants who meet the admission requirements must submit all program admission documents along with their linkage application to the Linkage Executive Committee member for St. Petersburg College during the application period for their chosen program.

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screens Students who meet the academic requirement for enrollment in health-related programs must pass a background check prior to placement and enrollment. After admission to a Health program, students will be contacted regarding the background check and drug screening process. For progression into the first health program course, prospective students may not have one felony or two misdemeanor charges with a disposition dated within five years from the start of the health program courses with a judgment of guilty, or with a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), or where adjudication was withheld. Further, an applicant may be disqualified for admission based on Florida Statute 456.0635, where such person has been convicted on felony charges relating to medical fraud, neglect or substance abuse, or where terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid Program or other Medicare program.

All students entering a health program at St. Petersburg College are required to successfully complete a drug screening within ninety (90) days prior to starting the first health program course. The drug screening must satisfactorily demonstrate that the student is free from the use of any illegal drug or non-prescribed controlled substance. Students must remain drug-free throughout the tenure in their program at SPC.
To: Linkage Administrator at:

_________ Hillsborough Community College       _________ St. Petersburg College

_________ Pasco-Hernando State College       _________ Polk State College

The following candidate has been interviewed and briefed by the counselor below for possible selection under the Linkage Agreement into the program checked below:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY       STATE       ZIP

TELEPHONE    EMAIL

TARGETED ADMISSION DATE (e.g., Fall 2014)

Program (check one):

_____ Cardiovascular Technology (Polk)

_____ Dental Hygiene (HCC)       _____ Physical Therapy Assistant (Polk)

_____ Dental Hygiene (PHSC)       _____ Physical Therapy Assistant (SPC)

_____ Dental Hygiene (SPC)       _____ Radiation Therapy (HCC)

_____ Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology (HCC)       _____ Respiratory Care (HCC)

_____ Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology (Polk)       _____ Respiratory Care (Polk)

_____ Nuclear Medicine (HCC)       _____ Respiratory Care (SPC)

_____ Occupational Therapy Assistant (Polk)

Transcripts (official or unofficial) verifying that student has prerequisite attached.

I recommend the above student for selection under the Linkage Agreement.

Name of Sending College

Signed:_________________________________________ Date:________________________

Counselor

Signed:_________________________________________ Date:________________________

Linkage Administrator

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Name of Receiving College

Signed:_________________________________________ Date:________________________

Linkage Administrator

Action by receiving college: _______ accepted   _______ alternate   _______ rejected

Linkage Administrator at receiving college mails copy of this form to Linkage Administrator at sending college (see pages 6-7 for administrator contact information).
CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
Polk State College

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Cardiovascular Technology Program fosters and supports creative and positive learning experiences within an atmosphere of academic excellence and continuous improvement. Our goal is to provide every student with the knowledge, skills, and professional attributes needed to excel within the invasive diagnostic and interventional cardiovascular fields.

The Cardiovascular Technology Program provides students an organized curriculum that includes the college-required general education classes in addition to the required core classes for the Invasive Cardiovascular Curriculum. The Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist is a vital member of the cardiac catheterization and peripheral vascular teams. Our primary role is to assist and scrub with physicians during diagnostic and interventional cardiovascular procedures, monitor patients hemodynamic status during the procedure, and to operate specialized imaging equipment with consideration to radiation safety.

Cardiovascular Technology is a highly skilled, critical thinking, and fast-paced specialty vital to a patient’s diagnosis and treatment of Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) and Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD). The field continues to expand at a very rapid rate due to the increase in the middle-aged and elderly populations in the United States as a whole. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of cardiovascular technologists is expected to grow by approximately 18% by the year 2020. This increase is due to the fact that the said demographic group is predisposed to CAD and PAD resulting from the normal aging process.

Graduates from the Cardiovascular Technology Program will find employment in hospital cardiac cath labs, outpatient cardiovascular labs, traveling agencies, and other industry-related facilities in Florida and throughout the country. Entry level technologists can expect to make approximately $50,000 annually. This pay is based on a 40-hour work week and has potential to increase with on-call pay and shift differential. Graduates will also be eligible to take the national boards administered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) for the Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) credential.
ACCREDITATION
The Invasive Cardiovascular Technology Program is a new, limited-enrollment allied health care program at Polk State. The program is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology (JRC-CVT).

ADMISSION CRITERIA
The following are minimum requirements for admission to the Cardiovascular Technology Program:

1. Acceptance to Polk State College as a credit student with all required admission documents received by the Registrar.
2. Completion of any required college prep courses.
3. At time of admission, overall GPA of 2.50 or higher.
4. At time of admission, a GPA of 2.50 or higher in all prerequisite courses.
5. Completion of the following prerequisite courses prior to admission in the program:
   - ENC 1101 English Composition
   - MAC 1105 College Algebra or higher
   - MGF 1106 Topics in Math
   - BSC 2085C Anatomy & Physiology I
   - BSC 2086C Anatomy & Physiology II
   - HSC 1531 Medical Terminology
7. Meeting with Program Director prior to submitting Cardiovascular Technology Program application.
8. Submission of completed Cardiovascular Technology Program application.

Note: The following additional general education courses required for graduation may be taken prior to admission to the program:
   - ENC 2210 Introduction to Professional and Technical Writing
   - HLP 1081 Wellness
   - PSY 2012 General Psychology
   - PHI 2600 Ethics

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
These additional admission requirements are to be completed after acceptance into the program:

1. Complete Medical Physical
2. Immunization and Communicable Disease Screening
3. 10-Panel Drug Screening
4. Signed Affidavit of Moral Character attesting to the non-committance of specific criminal acts
5. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) background check

The Program Director will provide information regarding completion of these additional admission requirements with the letter of acceptance to each student.

ADMISSION PROCESS
The Cardiovascular Technology Program is a limited admission program. Students seeking admission into the program must receive an application to the program at the required meeting with the Program Director. The Linkage Transmittal form must be received by the Linkage Administrator at Polk State College by March 15. Students who meet the minimum qualifications must then submit a program application to the Program Director no later than April 1 of each year for the August admission class. Failure to submit the proper documentation by said deadline will result in disqualification of a student for the upcoming class.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION
Following the completion of all requirements for graduation from the Cardiovascular Technology Program, graduates are eligible to sit for the national registry exam administered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI). After successful completion of this exam, the graduate will earn the credentials of Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS).

For Radiological Technologists, the option to sit for the registry administered by CCI and the registry administered by the American Registry of Radiological Technologist (ARRT) for Cardiovascular Intervention (CI) exists. After successful completion of this exam, the graduate will earn additional credentials and is listed as RT(R) (CI). If graduates opt to take both registries, they will receive the credentials RT(R) (CI), RCIS.

ELECTIVES
Students are encouraged to add appropriate electives to their program courses as their schedule permits. Electives such as computer technology, human relations, chemistry, microbiology, or other health sciences would be pertinent to careers in cardiovascular technology. While these courses are not required, they will serve to prepare students to enter the allied health workforce and act as additional preparation for the national registries.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE
Admissions criteria and curriculum are subject to change; therefore, individuals interested in the program should contact the College to ensure the information is current.
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
Hillsborough Community College

CONTACT INFORMATION
http://hccfl.edu/departments/health-science/dental-hygiene.aspx

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Entry into this program is highly competitive and the program itself is academically rigorous. The Dental Hygiene Program provides students with the skills and knowledge needed to complete national and state or regional board examinations to become licensed dental hygienists. Dental hygienists perform oral health assessments including oral cancer screenings, tooth debridement and polishing procedures, preventive dental procedures, and oral hygiene education under the guidance of a dentist. The graduate dental hygienist also becomes certified to perform expanded duties permitted by Florida Statute. The Dental Hygiene curriculum includes five (5) consecutive semesters of courses and requires a time commitment of at least 35 hours per week. The program is offered on the Dale Mabry Campus.

The graduate dental hygienist can be employed in a variety of settings including dental offices, health clinics, nursing homes, schools, dental sales, research and education. Dental hygienists can work full or part time depending upon individual needs. Average entry-level salary is approximately $22.00 per hour (Feb. 2013).

ACCREDITATION
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 http://www.ada.org/100.aspx.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Students seeking Linkage admission to a program must also complete an application to Hillsborough Community College and an application for admission to Health Science programs. Students are required to submit all documentation and meet all minimum admission requirements for the selected program.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Applicants must be recipients of a standard high school diploma or the G.E.D. They must also complete the required prerequisite courses.

Grade Point Average (GPA):
A minimum 3.0 GPA in prerequisite courses is required for Linkage admission consideration.
Must have completed the following health science general education courses with no less than a grade of C in each course:

- ENC 1101 Freshman English I
- BSC 1085 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BSC 1085L Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory
- BSC 1086 Anatomy and Physiology II
- BSC 1086L Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory
- MCB 1000 Microbiology and Human Disease
- MCB 1000L Microbiology Laboratory
- CHM 1032 Chemistry for Health Sciences
- CHM 1032L Chemistry for Health Sciences Laboratory
- MGF 1106 Liberal Arts Math I
  OR
- MAC 1105 College Algebra

**REPEAT OF PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES**

For purposes of admission to a health science program, the following policy will apply to the repeating of or number of attempts for the identified prerequisite course for a program.

1. For purposes of this policy, a “W”, “AW” or other non-calculated grade is considered an attempt.

2. An applicant may have two attempts per designated prerequisite course recorded on his/her academic record(s) without penalty.

3. Any designated prerequisite course that is recorded on an applicant’s academic record(s) in excess of two attempts will result in a reduction of the applicant’s prerequisite GPA that is calculated for the purposes of admission to a health science program. The point reduction will be made according to the following scale:

   i. minus .2 from the prerequisite GPA for each course attempted a 3rd time
   ii. minus .6 from the prerequisite GPA for each course attempted a 4th time
   iii. minus 1.2 from the prerequisite GPA for each course attempted a 5th time
   iv. minus 2.4 from the prerequisite GPA for each course attempted a 6th time
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**FINAL ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM  
Pasco-Hernando State College

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The modern dentist’s office depends on the skilled work of dental hygienists, who perform many dental procedures once handled only by dentists. Dental hygienists discuss oral health problems with clients, clean and examine teeth, administer dental treatments, offer instructions on dental care, take radiographs, and prepare charts that provide detailed information for each client’s permanent record. With such skilled help, dentists are able to provide dental care to a larger client base. In addition to a comprehensive course of study, PHSC’s Dental Hygiene program emphasizes hands-on training through five intensive clinicals at a state-of-the-art dental clinic located on the New Port Richey campus.

The job outlook for dental hygienists in Florida and nationally is excellent. Graduates find work in private dental offices, public health clinics, hospitals, and educational institutions.

ACCREDITATION
Pasco-Hernando State College’s Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All requirements for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must be met at the time of application. Submission of an incomplete application may delay your admission.

Linkage students must apply between April 1 and May 15 of the year in which the upcoming fall semester class begins. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to application.

1. Completed PHSC application form and application fee.

2. Completed Dental Hygiene Program application and application fee.
3. An official high school transcript indicating graduation and receipt of standard high school diploma or an official transcript of GED scores indicating receipt of a high school equivalency diploma.

4. Official transcripts from each U.S. college and university attended other than PHSC.

5. Submit official scores from external agencies as appropriate for prerequisite courses (ex: AP, CLEP, IB, etc.).

6. Meet one of the following:
   a. Applicants who are practicing dental assistants must submit their EFDA certificate, OR
   b. Submit a report of scores on an approved Manual Dexterity Test with a minimum score of 60%

7. Have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher

8. Have a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher in the following prerequisite courses and complete each with a grade of C or higher:

   BSC 1085    Human Anatomy and Physiology I
   BSC 1085L   Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory
   BSC 1086    Human Anatomy and Physiology II
   BSC 1086L   Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory
   CHM 1025    Introductory Chemistry (or higher level chemistry course)
   CHM 1025L   Introductory Chemistry Laboratory
                (or higher level chemistry lab)
   CGS 1100    Microcomputer Applications
   MCB 2010    Microbiology
   MCB 2010L   Microbiology Lab
   PSY 1012    Introduction to Psychology

9. Completion of at least 16 hours of observation, volunteer service or work experience in dentistry, as verified by a dentist or dental hygienist.

**SPECIAL ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES**

Applicants who meet minimum requirements will be notified in writing of their selection as candidates. Candidate offers are conditional and are dependent upon the following:

1. Receipt of the signed acceptance letter sent by the College’s Dean of Health Occupations and Director of Admissions and Student Records indicating acceptance of position into the dental hygiene program by the date specified in the acceptance letter.
2. Certification of good physical health by submission of results of a physical examination conducted by a physician or a registered nurse practitioner by the date specified in the letter of notification.

3. Certification of good oral health, free of dental caries and gum disease by submission of results of an oral examination by a dentist within six (6) months of being accepted into the dental hygiene program.

4. Successful completion of the American Heart Association’s Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Course (8 hours).

5. Registration and payment of fees by the date specified in the PHSC College Catalog.

6. Incomplete Linkage applications will be held by the receiving institution for one year.

*Failure to comply with any of the above procedures may result in the allocation of the space to another applicant.*
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Dental hygienists are licensed preventive oral health professionals who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.

Graduates are awarded the Associate in Science degree in Dental Hygiene. After graduation a license is required to enter dental hygiene practice. A Florida license requires passing the Dental Hygiene National Board, a comprehensive written examination, and a North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners administered clinical examination as well as meeting other eligibility requirements determined by the Florida Board of Dentistry. After the graduate passes the licensing examination, she/he is qualified for employment in a variety of settings such as private dental offices and public health agencies, as per the Board of Dentistry guidelines.

ACCREDITATION
St. Petersburg College’s program in Dental Hygiene is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education.
Application Information

Dental Hygiene Associate in Science Program
Admission Requirements Checklist
(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)

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☐ Complete the St. Petersburg College Admission Application and pay the non-refundable fee.

*Note to Returning Students* If you have not enrolled in courses in the three previous semesters, you will need to complete the online Readmission Application in MySPC. You will be asked if you want to complete the readmission process when you log in to MySPC.

☐ Complete the New Student Orientation.

☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcripts. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institute are waived from this requirement.

☐ Submit all official, unopened (sealed) college transcripts from previously or currently enrolled colleges. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened.

☐ Students must demonstrate college level competency in English, Reading, and Math either through appropriate test scores, or through appropriate course completion.

☐ If previously or currently enrolled at SPC, must be academically in good standing and have a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

☐ Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours including BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L, Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Lab with grades of “C” or better.

☐ Earn a minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale in the general education and support courses of the Dental Hygiene curriculum.

☐ Complete a minimum of 4 hours of observation, volunteer service or work experience in dentistry. Please collect the following information while completing your observation hours.

  ➢ Name of Facility
  ➢ Date
  ➢ Time Spent
  ➢ Name of Health Provider
  ➢ Providers License #

The Health program application will provide you the opportunity to input this required information as you complete the application.
**All transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College at least 30 days prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.**

Submit the Health Programs Application by going to [www.spcollege.edu/as-dental](http://www.spcollege.edu/as-dental)

**Selection Criteria**
When the number of eligible applications exceeds program availability, selective criteria is used to determine which applicants are offered admission. This criterion is based on a point system using health program GPA, pre-entry, general education and support coursework, according to the following:

- **31 points** may be awarded based on the number of health program pre-entry, general education and support courses completed.
- **40 points** may be awarded based on the health program GPA (grades earned from pre-entry, general education and support courses. A grade of P will be assigned the value of a student’s cumulative GPA for selective admission GPA calculation purposes for this program, excluding the computer competency)

If you are not offered admission, you will need to reapply during the appropriate application acceptance period for your desired start date.

If you are offered admission you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements prior to the start of the first program course to maintain eligible status.

- Successfully pass a background check and drug screening.
- Complete the Health Examination Form and any required immunizations.
- Complete the Student Services and Program orientation.

**Program Admission Statistics**
On average, approximately 120 students apply for admissions each application period. Of these, typically 30 are accepted. The average GPA for acceptance varies based on the pool of applicants, but typically falls between 3.4 and 3.6 with most courses complete.

**Program Information**
Dental Hygiene students are expected to attend courses each semester from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. three to four days a week. During certain semesters, there are labs required that are held in the late afternoon until 7:30 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all courses and labs. The dental hygiene curriculum prepares students by having them participate throughout the program as a patient subject.

**Schedule**
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. three to four days a week (late afternoon sessions until 7:30 p.m.)
## Estimated Costs

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* Tuition is estimated using the Florida resident rates. Out-of-state residents will have higher tuition fees.

** Tuition is for Dental Hygiene coursework only. General Education and Support courses are not included.

** These are high estimates; actual costs will vary depending on health insurance coverage.

## PRE-ENTRY REQUIREMENT (May not be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree.)

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** Please note that you will need to satisfy the World View Requirement for graduation purposes.
This form is for informational purposes only and does not need to be sent to the Health Education Center. You will have the opportunity to input the information you collect on this form in the Health Programs application at the time of submission.

I. Observation

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Confidentiality of patient records: According to the HIPPA guidelines, information regarding the names of individuals and/or treatment they are undergoing must be treated in strict confidence and must not be communicated in any manner. Any unauthorized viewing, discussion or disclosure of an individual's healthcare information could result in litigation and/or prosecution.
CONTACT INFORMATION
http://hccfl.edu/departments/health-science/sonography.aspx

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Diagnostic Medical Sonography is a health science specialty that involves the use of ultrasonic sound waves to image the internal anatomy of the human body. The sonographer is a highly skilled individual who is qualified by academic and clinical experience to provide patient services using high frequency sound waves.

The sonographer works under the supervision of a Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy, who is responsible for the interpretation of ultrasound procedures. The sonographer assists the physician in gathering the sonographic data necessary to reach a diagnosis. As such, the sonographer is able to obtain, review, and integrate patient history and supporting clinical data to facilitate a diagnosis; perform appropriate procedures and record anatomical, pathological, and/or physiological data for interpretation by a physician; record and process sonographic data and other observations made during the procedure for presentation to a physician; exercise discretion and judgment in the performance of sonographic services; provide patient education related to medical ultrasound; and promote principles of good health.

Sonographers may be employed in hospitals, clinics, private offices, and industry. There is also a need for suitably qualified educators, researchers, and administrators. The demand for sonographers continues to exceed the supply. The supply and demand ratio affects salaries, depending upon experience, job description, and geographical location.

Hillsborough Community College offers an Associate in Science degree, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology program. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology program is open to Linkage students. Upon graduation from the Associate degree program, the graduate will be eligible to challenge the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers’ Examination for certification in Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Abdomen.

The program is sequential structured for students to complete the curriculum within two years and requires a full-time, day-time enrollment commitment by the student.

ACCREDITATION
The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP), 1316 Park St, Clearwater, FL 33756, www.caahep.org.
The Associate in Science degree programs is designated selective admission due to the number of clinical affiliates available for students to develop clinical competence. The program admits students only once per year for entry in the fall semester.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Students seeking Linkage admission to a program must also complete an application to Hillsborough Community College and an application for admission to Health Science programs. Students are required to submit all documentation and meet all minimum admission requirements for the selected program.

APPLICATION ORIENTATION
Applicants must contact the Program Manager to set up an orientation session prior to submitting their Health Science application. Applicants who do not attend the orientation session will not have a complete application submitted.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Applicants must be recipients of a standard high school diploma or the G.E.D.

Grade Point Average (GPA):
A minimum 3.0 GPA in prerequisite courses is required for Linkage admission consideration.

Must have completed the following 14 credit hours of health science general education courses with no less than a grade of “C” in each course:

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REPEAT OF PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITE COURSES
For purposes of admission to a health science program, the following policy will apply to the repeating of or number of attempts for the identified pre-requisite courses for a program.

1. For purposes of this policy, a “W”, “AW” or other non-calculated grade is considered an attempt.

2. An applicant may have two attempts per designated pre-requisite course recorded on his/her academic record(s) without penalty.

3. Any designated pre-requisite course that is recorded on an applicant’s academic record(s) in excess of two attempts will result in a reduction of the applicant’s pre-requisite GPA that is calculated for purposes of admission to a health science program. The point reduction will be made according to the following scale.

   (a) minus .2 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 3rd time.
   (b) minus .6 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 4th time.
   (c) minus 1.2 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 5th time.
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FINAL ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Physical Examination – Admission to certain health science programs will be contingent upon evidence of satisfactory physical health as certified by a licensed physician. (Refer to Hillsborough Community College’s Administrative Procedure 3.041.)

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3. CPR Certification – The applicant will be required to provide proof of a two (2) year cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification from an agency that provides a two-year certification, such as the American Heart Association, BCLS course or the American Heart Association BPCLS course. The certification should be the BCLS or the BPCLS. An applicant must provide proof of certification by the first day of classes of the program. Failure to comply with this requirement will constitute failure to comply with admission requirements and the individual will not be permitted to matriculate into the program.
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Admission to a Linkage program will be ultimately made by the Linkage College.

Incomplete Linkage applications will be returned to the home institution.
CONTACT INFORMATION
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program fosters and supports creative and positive learning experiences within an atmosphere of academic excellence and continuous improvement. Our goal is to prepare competent entry-level general sonographers in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography is the specific allied imaging modality that uses special equipment to direct high-frequency sound waves into the patient’s body. Sonographers are highly skilled professionals who operate equipment that collects reflected echoes and forms an image that may be videotaped, transmitted, or photographed for interpretation and diagnosis by a physician. There are several areas of specialization in the field of sonography: Abdomen, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Echocardiography, Vascular Technology, Neurosonology, and Ophthalmology.

The DMS program provides its students an organized curriculum that includes college-required general education classes in addition to the required core classes for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography curriculum. Through education, the program will emphasize the responsibilities of the sonographer in promoting high clinical standards within the field of sonography. These responsibilities include independent decision making and critical thinking that are vital in assisting the physician in their diagnosis.

Employment of diagnostic medical sonographers is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014 as the population grows and ages, increasing the demand for diagnostic imaging and therapeutic technology. Median annual earnings were $52,000 in 2004 (US Dept. of Labor), based upon a 40-hour work week, with the potential to earn additional pay for on-call responsibilities. Sonographers are employed in hospitals, private physicians’ offices, and diagnostic imaging centers. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the national board exams administered by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) for the Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) credential.
ACCREDITATION
The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography in cooperation with the Commission of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 2025 Woodlane Drive, St. Paul, MN 55125.

The Associate in Science degree program is designated selective admission due to the number of clinical affiliates available for students to develop clinical competence. The program admits students only once per year for entry in the fall semester.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
The following are minimum requirements for admission to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program:
1. Acceptance to Polk State College as a credit student with all required admission documents received by the Registrar.
2. Completion of any required college prep courses.
3. At time of admission, overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. At time of admission, a GPA of 2.0 or higher in all prerequisite courses.
5. Completion of the following prerequisite courses prior to admission into the program:
   ENC 1101   English Composition I
   MAC 1105   College Algebra
   BSC 2085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I
   PHY 2001C Basic Concepts of Physics

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Admission requirements that are to be completed after admission into the program:
1. Physical examination and essential functions
2. Immunization and Communicable Disease Screening
3. Drug Screening
4. Current CPR Certification
5. Signed Affidavit of Moral Character attesting to the non-committance of specific criminal acts.
6. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) background check

The Program Director will provide information regarding the completion of these additional admission requirements with the letter of acceptance.

ADMISSION PROCESS
The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is a limited admission program. Students seeking admission into the program must receive a program application from the Program Director. The Linkage Transmittal form must be received by the Linkage Administrator at Polk State College by July 15. Students who meet the minimum qualifications must submit a program application to the Program Director by July 31 of each year for a January start date.
A selection committee will meet for evaluation of applications. The committee will evaluate the applications using the following criteria: college grade point average, number of credits completed that apply to the general education requirements for the AS in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, prior health care experience related to field of study, and established residency in Polk, Highlands, or Hardee county. The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a GPA of 2.0 or better before the application will be considered for acceptance:

- ENC 1101 English Composition I
- MAC 1105 College Algebra
- BSC 2085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- PHY 2001C Basic Concepts of Physics

*Polk State reserves the right to make changes in the admission criteria as circumstances require. Every reasonable effort will be made to communicate changes in the program to potential students.*

**PROGRAM COST**
The cost of the program is approximately $9,500. This cost includes course fees, books, uniforms, and national registry fees.

**CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION**
Following the completion of all requirements for graduation from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program, graduates are eligible to sit for the national registry exam administered by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. After successful completion of this exam, the graduate will earn the credentials of Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS).

**ELECTIVES**
Students are encouraged to add appropriate electives to their program courses as their schedule permits. Electives such as computer technology, human relations, chemistry, microbiology, or other health sciences would be pertinent to careers in cardiovascular technology. While these courses are not required, they will serve to prepare students to enter the allied health workforce and act as additional preparation for the national registries.

**DISCLAIMER CLAUSE**
Admissions criteria and curriculum are subject to change; therefore, individuals interested in the program should contact the College to ensure the information is current.
CONTACT INFORMATION
http://hccfl.edu/departments/health-science/nuclear-medicine.aspx

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Nuclear Medicine is a medical specialty which concerns itself with the use of radioactive materials for the purpose of diagnosing and treating diseases. Some responsibilities of the technologists include: radiopharmaceutical preparation and administration, operation of nuclear instruments, performing imaging procedures on patients, collection and preparation of biologic specimens, conducting laboratory studies on biologic specimens, and preparing data for a physician’s diagnosis.

The field of Nuclear Medicine has been growing in recent years and is expected to continue in that direction. Graduates wishing to pursue a B.S. degree in other fields must be aware that only a limited number of credits are transferable to other colleges and universities.

The Associate of Science degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology is offered at Hillsborough Community College. It has been designed to furnish students with both a theoretical concepts and practical skills of Nuclear Medicine Technology. The degree requirements are fulfilled in six semesters, and the curriculum is sequentially designed requiring a full-time, day-time commitment through the last semester of the second year. During the first three semesters, the students take the required Nuclear Medicine theory courses. The remainder of the program comprises the clinical phase. During the clinical phase, the students spend approximately thirty-two (32) hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis in the clinical training facilities. During this phase of the program, all students are required to return to HCC at least once a week to attend class.

Graduates of the program are eligible to take a national registry examination, a state licensure examination, and are qualified for entering positions as Nuclear Medicine Technologists.

The cost of the NMT program is directly related to the College’s established tuition and laboratory fee assessments. In addition to these fees, students will need to purchase books, uniforms, film badge service and have a physical examination by a licensed physician. Tuition and laboratory fees are paid by the semester. Please refer to HCC’s current catalog for fee assessments. The Office of Financial Aid at HCC may be able to assist those in need of financial help.

The Nuclear Medicine Technology program at HCC is designed as a selective admissions program because of the limited number of seats available in each class. For this reason, as well as the technical nature of the program, certain requirements are necessary in order for the applicant to qualify for acceptance.
The following courses are not required, but it is strongly recommended that they be taken before beginning the Nuclear Medicine program in anticipation of being accepted. They will assist in developing a strong background for the content of the program. The courses are:

- Biology (BSC 1010, BSC 1011, or APB 1170)
- Algebra (MAC 2104)
- Physics (APB 1022).

**ACCREDITATION**

The Nuclear Medicine Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology, 2000 W. Danforth Rd, Suite 130, #230 Edmond, OK 73003, (405) 385-0546, [http://www.jrcert.org](http://www.jrcert.org), EMAIL: mail@jrcert.org.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Students seeking linkage admission to a program must also complete an application to Hillsborough Community College and an application for admission to Health Science programs. Students are required to submit all documentation and meet all minimum admission requirements for the selected program.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants must be recipients of a standard high school diploma or the G.E.D. They must also complete the 14 credits of prerequisite courses.

*Special Admission Requirements:*

Applicants for the Radiography, Radiation Therapy, and Nuclear Medicine Technology, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age by the first day of class.

*Grade Point Average (GPA):*

A minimum 3.0 GPA in prerequisite courses is required for linkage admission consideration.

Must have completed the following courses with no less than a grade of C in each course:

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<td>PHY 1025</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Physics Lab – 1 credit</td>
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<td>MAC 1105</td>
<td>College Algebra – 3 credits (or higher three credit General Education transferable math (except statistics)</td>
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REPEAT OF PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITE COURSES
For purposes of admission to a health science program, the following policy will apply to the repeating of or number of attempts for the identified pre-requisite courses for a program.

1. For purposes of this policy, a “W”, “AW” or other non-calculated grade is considered an attempt.

2. An applicant may have two attempts per designated pre-requisite course recorded on his/her academic record(s) without penalty.

3. Any designated pre-requisite course that is recorded on an applicant’s academic record(s) in excess of two attempts will result in a reduction of the applicant’s pre-requisite GPA that is calculated for purposes of admission to a health science program. The point reduction will be made according to the following scale.

   (a) minus .2 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 3rd time.
   (b) minus .6 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 4th time.
   (c) minus 1.2 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 5th time.
   (d) minus 2.4 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 6th time.
   (e) minus 4.8 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 7th time.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. **Physical Examination** - Admission to certain health science programs will be contingent upon evidence of satisfactory physical health as certified by a licensed physician. (Refer to Administrative Procedure 3.041.)

2. **Program Orientation** - Final acceptance to a Health Science program will be contingent upon the applicant attending the scheduled program orientation session. Individuals not attending the session without prior approval of the Health Science Program Admissions Committee Chairman (Dean of Health Sciences) will be dropped from the program acceptance status. The acceptance letter will notify the applicant of the time, date and place of the program orientation and a response deadline for confirmation of attendance.

3. **CPR Certification** - The applicant will be required to provide proof of a two (2) year cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification from the American Heart Association. The certification should be the BCLS or the BPCLS. An applicant must provide proof of certification by the first day of classes of the program. Failure to comply with this requirement will constitute failure to comply with admission requirements and the individual will not be permitted to matriculate into the program.
DISCLAIMER CLAUSE
Admissions criteria and curriculum are subject to change and therefore, individuals interested in the program should contact the College to assure that the information is current.

Admission to a Linkage program will be ultimately made by the Linkage College.

Incomplete Linkage applications will be returned to the home institution.
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM
Polk State College

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Polk State College offers an Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degree to become an Occupational Therapy Assistant. The program was implemented in Spring Term 1999. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the National Certification Examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant, administered by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), 800 S. Frederick Avenue, Suite 200, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-4150. After successful completion of this exam, the graduate will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA).

ROLE OF OTA
The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program trains and qualifies graduates to work in the occupational therapy field. Occupational Therapy is a vital health care service whose practitioners help restore and sustain the highest quality of productive life to persons recovering from illness or injuries, or coping with developmental disabilities, or changes resulting from the aging process. Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants use “occupation” (purposeful activity) as a means of preventing, reducing, or overcoming physical, social, and emotional disabilities in people of all ages. The OTA trains disabled individuals to adapt their job skills or daily tasks to their particular condition and to adapt the environment to maximize function. Typical work sites for the OTA are in rehabilitation units/centers, nursing homes, psychiatric units, mental health agencies, forensic facilities, developmental agencies, pediatric agencies, schools, higher education, etc.

ACCREDITATION
The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-2682 and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.
CURRICULUM
The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is a limited-admission 70 credit hour AS degree program. The program is housed at the Winter Haven Campus. Most technical OTA courses are offered two or three days a week (depending on the term) during the day. Students are assigned to clinical/fieldwork in various facilities in the area. The program requires full-time commitment throughout the year including summer. The program also requires 14 credit hours of clinical fieldwork, and students are required to complete the Level II fieldwork within 18 months following completion of academic preparation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete all courses that are not professional requirements (courses without OTH prefix) prior to program entry. This will greatly lighten the student load while enrolled in the program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Students seeking linkage admission to the program must also complete an application to Polk State College. Admission is limited to students that meet the minimum requirements. Minimum requirements are as follows:

1. Must possess and submit a regular high school diploma, a bachelor’s or associate of arts’ degree, or a general equivalency development (GED) diploma, and official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended. All admission credentials must be received by the Registrar.

2. Completion of any required developmental education courses.

3. An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher at the time of application and admission.

4. The following prerequisite course work completed at the time of application.
   - BSC 2085C Human Anatomy and Physiology I
   - PSY 2012 General Psychology
   - ENC 1101 College Composition I

5. A GPA of 2.0 or higher in all prerequisite courses at the time of application and a grade of “C” or better in each course.

6. Completion of 20 hours of observation in an occupational therapy department with direct supervision of an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant. Observation hours need to be documented on the “OTA Program Observation Hours Form.” This form can be obtained from Polk State College’s OTA Program website www.polk.edu/ota or by contacting the Program Director. Note: Observation hours are valid for up to three years from date of completion.
7. Linkage transmittal forms for each student interested in the program must be received by the Linkage Administrator at Polk State College by **August 15**. Between **September 1 and September 30** students who meet the minimum qualifications must complete the general admission process to Polk State College as well as the online application for the OTA program which is available on the program website [www.polk.edu/ota](http://www.polk.edu/ota) beginning September 1 of each year.

8. Linkage students will be notified shortly after September 30 whether they were granted admission. If they were not granted admission through the linkage process, they have the opportunity to apply again through the regular admission process from October 1 through October 31. Students should be aware that the OTA program accepts students in its regular admission process on a first-qualified, first-served basis. Therefore, they should apply early for best results.

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

A. To be completed **no later than the first day of class** by students admitted into the program, and documentation is to be submitted directly to the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator:
   1. Completion of a physical examination.
   2. Completion of all immunizations and communicable disease screenings, including a Tuberculosis PPD, Tetanus vaccination or booster within the last 5 years, MMR vaccine (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) or an MMR titer, a Varicella titer, and a Hepatitis B vaccination (optional, but recommended).
   3. Certification in CPR.

B. To be completed **by a designated date in April**, in preparation for the summer fieldwork rotations:
   1. Submission of a Level II Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) background check.
   2. Completion of 10-panel drug screening.
   3. Finger printing.

Students need to update these admission requirements every year. Information regarding the completion of these additional admission requirements is provided by the faculty during the orientation meeting scheduled in November.

**Note:** Students with a history of felonies and who are considering entering an occupational therapy educational program can have their background reviewed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) prior to actually applying to the program by requesting an Early Determination Review. The fee for this review is $100. You may visit the following site for further details: [http://www.nbcot.org](http://www.nbcot.org).
A felony conviction may affect graduate’s ability to attain state licensure.

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM**
Polk State College

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**
Polk State College offers Associate of Science Degree to become a Physical Therapist Assistant. Following completion of academic and clinical work, graduates of the program will be able to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant Examination for licensure as registered Physical Therapist Assistants. The exam is administered by the Professional Examination Service Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (PES/FSBPT), 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115, (212) 367-4200. This examination carries both state and national certifications.

**ROLE OF PTA**
The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program prepares students for careers as members of the health care team that provides direct patient care under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The PTA provides treatment to patients with various diagnoses to relieve pain and/or improve function via therapeutic application of heat, cold, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, exercise, gait, and functional activity. PTAs are licensed professionals who work in settings where physical therapists are employed. They work in hospitals, private practices, rehabilitation centers, school systems, sports teams, home health agencies, and other qualified facilities.

**ACCREDITATION**
Polk State College has achieved accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone: 703.706.3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: capteonline.org.

**CURRICULUM**
The PTA program is a 74 credit hour AS degree program that trains and qualifies graduates to work in the physical therapist assistant field. Students are admitted to the program by a selective-admission process with 24 students accepted once a year. Students seeking admission must be admitted to the College and complete the prerequisite courses. The
program is housed on the Winter Haven campus. Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday and include both day and evening hours.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Students seeking linkage admission to the program must also complete an application to Polk State College. The PTA Program admits students once a year. Admission requires that students meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Submission of a regular high school diploma, a bachelor’s or associate of arts’ degree, or a general equivalency development (GED) diploma, as well as official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended. All admission credentials must be received by the Registrar.

2. Completion of any required developmental education courses.

3. An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher at the time of application and admission.

4. Students must complete all the following prerequisites courses with a grade of C or better in each course:

   BSC 2085C  Human Anatomy and Physiology I
   ENC 1101  College Composition I
   PSY 2012  General Psychology

5. Verification of at least 50 volunteer/observation/employment hours in at least three different physical therapy settings. For example, 10 hours in an outpatient clinic, 20 hours in a skilled nursing facility, and 20 hours in a hospital, however, students who complete observation hours in less than 3 type settings will be disqualified. Scenarios that will disqualify the applicant from admission includes, but is not limited to, the following examples:
   - 50 hours in outpatient clinic (all hours in only one setting)
   - 25 hours in skilled nursing facility and 25 hours in a hospital setting (hours divided between only 2 types of settings)
   - 20 hours in a skilled nursing facility, 20 hours in another skilled nursing facility, and 10 hours in an outpatient clinic (hours in distributed in 3 different locations, two setting are the same)
   - 25 hours in outpatient clinic, 10 hours in outpatient clinic, 15 hours in outpatient clinic (hours distributed between 3 different locations but the same setting)

These hours should be documented and verified by a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant on the verification form available from Polk State College’s
PTA program website. Although only 50 hours are required, additional exposure to the physical therapy profession is strongly recommended.

6. Linkage transmittal forms for each student interested in the program must be received by the Linkage Administrator at Polk State College by 5pm on January 15. Between February 1 and February 15 students who meet the minimum qualifications must complete the general admission process to Polk State College and the online PTA application which is available at the PTA program’s website (www.polk.edu/pta).

7. Linkage students will be notified shortly after February 15 whether they were granted admission. If they were not granted admission through the linkage process, they have the opportunity to apply again through the regular admission process from March 1 through March 31. They should be aware that the PTA program accepts students in its regular admission process on a first-qualified, first-served basis. Therefore, they should apply early for best results.
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
St. Petersburg College

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The physical therapist assistant is a skilled technical health care worker who assists the professional physical therapist in carrying out patient treatment programs. Under direction of the physical therapist, the assistant works to relieve pain and/or increase function in patients via therapeutic application of heat, cold, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, exercise, gait and functional activity.

Clinical experience is provided in a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation agencies, schools, private offices and nursing homes.

Upon completion of the program, the student is awarded an Associate in Science in Physical Therapist Assistant degree. A state licensing examination is given by the Florida Board of Physical Therapy.

ACCREDITATION
The St. Petersburg College Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Application Information

Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Science Program
Admission Requirements Checklist
(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)

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☐ Complete the [St. Petersburg College Admission Application](#) and pay the non-refundable fee.

*Note to Returning Students* If you have not enrolled in courses in the three previous semesters, you will need to complete the online [Readmission Application in MySPC](#). You will be asked if you want to complete the readmission process when you log in to MySPC.

☐ Complete the [New Student Orientation](#).

☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcripts. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institute are waived from this requirement.

☐ Submit all official, unopened (sealed) college transcripts from previously or currently enrolled colleges. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened.

☐ Students must demonstrate college level competency in English, Reading, and Math either through appropriate test scores, or through appropriate course completion.

☐ If you are a current or previous student at SPC, you must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

☐ Complete BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Lab, PHI 1600 Applied Ethics, HSC 1531 Medical Terminology, and Computer/Information Literacy Competency with grades of “C” or better and a minimum of 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale in the general education and support courses of the Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum.

☐ Complete a minimum of 24 hours of observation, volunteer service or work experience in a physical therapy department verified by a Physical Therapist or a Physical Therapist Assistant. This requirement must be completed in at least two different types of clinical settings. Some hours must be completed in inpatient (Hospital/skilled nursing facility, inpatient rehab facility) and some hours must be completed in outpatient (sports medicine, private practice). Please collect the following information while completing your observation hours.

- Name of Facility
- Date
- Time Spent
- Name of Health Provider
- Providers License #

The Health Program application will provide you the opportunity to input this required information as you complete the application.
**All transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College at least 30 days prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.**

Submit the Health Programs Application by going to [http://www.spcollege.edu/pta/](http://www.spcollege.edu/pta/)

### Selection Criteria
When the number of eligible applications exceeds program availability, selective criteria is used to determine which applicants are offered admission. This criteria is based on a point system using health program GPA, pre-entry, general education and support coursework, according to the following:

- **32 points** may be awarded based on the number of health program pre-entry, general education and support courses completed.
- **40 points** may be awarded based on the health program GPA grades earned from pre-entry courses. (A course with a grade of P will be assigned the letter value of a student’s program GPA for selective admission, excluding the computer competency. EX: a 3.6 program GPA would be assigned a B for calculation purposes)
- **30 points** may be awarded based on participation in academic group interview. The **interviews will be held during the second half of June.** The interview will include a writing component and a group discussion. Applicants who do not participate in the interview component of the admissions process will not be considered for admission.

If you are not offered admission, you will need to reapply during the appropriate application acceptance period for your desired start date.

If you are offered admission you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements prior to the start of the first program course to maintain eligible status.

- Successfully pass a background check and drug screening.
- Complete the Health Examination Form and any required immunizations.
- Complete the Student Services and Program orientation.

### Program Admission Statistics
On average, approximately 150 - 200 students apply for admission each application period. Of these, typically 40 are accepted. The average GPA for acceptance varies based on the pool of applicants, but typically falls between 3.7 and 3.8

### Program Information
The PTA classes run 2 ½ days a week. Students are on campus at HEC either Mondays or Wednesdays 8:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. for an all day lab.

Tuesdays and Thursdays students are on campus at HEC 8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. for lecture and will stay one of those days for another lab until 3:30 p.m., the other day students will leave at 11:15 a.m. There are no classes on Friday.

In addition, there are three times during the two year period where the student goes out on clinical affiliation. These are each 4.5 weeks in length, 40 hours a week, and may include weekend and/or early morning/evening hours – some financial, work schedule and child care planning is required to accommodate these periods of time.
Estimated Costs

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*Tuition* is estimated using the Florida resident rates. Out-of-state residents will have higher tuition fees.

** is core coursework only. General Education and Support courses are not included.

** These are high estimates; actual costs will vary depending on health insurance coverage.

PRE-ENTRY REQUIREMENT (9 credits) - May not be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree. (*Competitive GPA Calculated from these 9 credits.)*

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GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (12 credits) May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree. (*Not included in competitive GPA*)

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CREDIT HOUR TOTALS 32

GPA CALCULATION (Program GPA multiplied by 10 = GPA Points)

4.0 GPA x 10 = 40

CREDIT POINTS + GPA POINTS + INTERVIEW POINTS) = TOTAL POINTS

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**Please note that you will need to satisfy the World View Requirement for graduation purposes.
**Physical Therapist Assistant**  
**Experience/Observation Record**  
**Minimum 24 Hours**  
(The 24 hours must be completed by observing at least TWO different types of clinical agencies e.g. hospital, public schools, home healthcare. In some cases hospitals may encompass several types of settings (inpatient, skilled nursing, and outpatient.)

***Applicants are to dress in accordance with the dress code of the facility of attendance. Please inquire when calling to arrange your appointment.***

This form is for informational purposes only and does not need to be sent to the Health Education Center. You will have the opportunity to input the information you collect on this form in the Health Programs application at the time of submission.

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RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM
Hillsborough Community College

CONTACT INFORMATION
http://hccfl.edu/departments/health-science/radiation-therapy.aspx

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Hillsborough Community College offers the Associate in Science degree and College Credit Certificate programs in Radiation Therapy. (The one-year certificate program is designed for those individuals who are registered by ARRT or registry eligible and is not open to linkage students.) The program provides educational classes and clinical experiences in radiation therapy. The Associate in Science degree program, which is a full two-year program, is designed for the individual who does not have prior health career certification. The first year of the program is devoted to health career training, patient care, physics of radiography, and introduction to radiation therapy. The second year of the program is devoted solely to radiation therapy.

Upon graduation from either the certificate program or the Associate in Science degree program, the students will be eligible to take the national registry examination for Radiation Therapy (ARRT).

Radiation Therapy is a health science specialty that educates the Radiation Therapy student in the use of various forms of gamma and ionizing radiation used to treat pathological conditions. Malignant neoplasms disorders are the most common diseases treated with radiation therapy. Treatments may be administered on low-dose x-ray machines, high-dose linear accelerators, and cobalt 60 therapy units. The Radiation Therapist works closely with the physician and physicist in administering the radiation doses to the patient in carefully prescribed amounts. In the therapy program the students learn about treatment procedures, the physics of radiation, biological effects of radiations, and the diseases treated by radiation. A multi-disciplinary education is achieved by rotating students through clinical education centers, hospitals and clinics to gain experience in the performance of the procedures. The procedures are carefully monitored by qualified registered Radiation Therapist.

On completion of the 24 months, the A.S. student will be eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) examination in Radiation Therapy. On completion of the twelve month certificate program, the certificate student will be eligible to take the same examination.

The Radiation Therapy Program is located in the Technology Building on the Dale Mabry Campus. The program has state-of-the-art simulation labs. HCC is the only JRCERT approved program in the State of Florida. Graduates of this medical discipline are needed in both the regional and national job market. Relocation may be
necessary to secure employment. The Radiation Therapy Program at HCC boasts a 100% job placement for its graduates over the past five years.

The cost of the program is directly related to the College’s established tuition and laboratory fee assessments. In addition to these fees, students will need to purchase books, uniforms, film badge service and have a physical examination by a licensed physician. Tuition and laboratory fees are paid by the semester. Please refer to H.C.C.’s current catalog for fee assessments. The Office of Financial Aid at HCC may be able to assist those in need of financial help.

Both therapy programs are designed as selective admissions programs due to the limited number of clinical spaces available. Therefore, certain requirements are necessary in order for the applicant to qualify for acceptance.

ACCREDITATION
The program is fully accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, recognized by the United States Department of Education, 20 North Wacker Dr, Suite 900, Chicago, IL (312) 704-5300, Fax (312) 704-5304, Email: mail@jrcert.org.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Students seeking linkage admission to a program must also complete an application to Hillsborough Community College and an application for admission to Health Science Health programs. Students are required to submit all documentation and meet all minimum admission requirements for the selected program.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Special Admission Requirements:
Applicants for the Radiography, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Emergency Medical Services Programs must be at least eighteen (18) years of age by the first day of class.

Applicants must be recipients of a standard high school diploma or the G.E.D.

Grade Point Average (GPA):
A minimum 3.0 GPA in prerequisite courses is required for linkage admission consideration.

Must have completed the following 13 credit hours of health science general education courses with no less than a grade of C in each course:

- ENC 1101 Freshman English I
- BSC 1085 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BSC 1085L Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory
- PSY 2012 General Psychology
MAC 1105 College Algebra (or higher three credit General Education transferable math (MGF 1106 Mathematics for Liberal Arts I, MGF 1107 Mathematics for Liberal Arts II, and statistics courses will not be accepted)

REPEAT OF PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITE COURSES
For purposes of admission to a health science program, the following policy will apply to the repeating of or number of attempts for the identified pre-requisite courses for a program.

1. For purposes of this policy, a “W”, “AW” or other non-calculated grade is considered an attempt.

2. An applicant may have two attempts per designated pre-requisite course recorded on his/her academic record(s) without penalty.

3. Any designated pre-requisite course that is recorded on an applicant’s academic record(s) in excess of two attempts will result in a reduction of the applicant’s pre-requisite GPA that is calculated for purposes of admission to a health science program. The point reduction will be made according to the following scale.

(a) minus .2 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 3rd time.
(b) minus .6 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 4th time.
(c) minus 1.2 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 5th time.
(d) minus 2.4 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 6th time.
(e) minus 4.8 from the pre-requisite GPA for each course attempted a 7th time.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Physical Examination - Admission to certain health science programs will be contingent upon evidence of satisfactory physical health as certified by a licensed physician. (Refer to Administrative Procedure 3.041.)

2. Program Orientation - Final acceptance to a Health Science program will be contingent upon the applicant attending the scheduled program orientation session. Individuals not attending the session without prior approval of the Health Science Program Admissions Committee Chairman (Dean of Health Sciences) will be dropped from the program acceptance status. The acceptance letter will notify the applicant of the time, date and place of the program orientation and a response deadline for confirmation of attendance.

3. CPR Certification - The applicant will be required to provide proof of a two (2) year cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification from the American Heart Association. The certification should be the BCLS or the BPCLS. An applicant must provide proof of certification by the first day of classes of the program. Failure to comply with this requirement will constitute failure to comply with admission requirements and the
individual will not be permitted to matriculate into the program. Students in the Associate of Science program will receive a CPR card upon successful completion of HSC 1220 in the fall semester.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE
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Incomplete Linkage applications will be returned to the home institution.
RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM
Hillsborough Community College

CONTACT INFORMATION
http://hccfl.edu/departments/health-science/respiratory-care.aspx

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Hillsborough Community College offers an Associate in Science degree in Respiratory Care. The Associate of Science Degree is designed for individuals who do not possess an allied health education. The program requires a twenty-month continuous, full-time enrollment for completion of the program. The program requires the student to attend the College or the clinical setting on a full-time basis that shall not exceed 40 hours per week.

Graduates of the program are needed on a local, regional, and national basis. A Registered Respiratory Therapist may secure employment in hospitals, clinics, physician offices, home care, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, pulmonary function labs, and extended care facilities.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification and registry exams administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Upon successful completion of all the exams, the graduate will be titled a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT). Most states require licensure in order to practice.

The cost of the program is based upon the College’s established fee rate. The fee rates are located in the College’s catalog. In addition to matriculation and /or tuition fees, there are additional costs for books, self-assessment exams, uniforms and a name tag.

ACCREDITATION
The Respiratory Care program, Associate in Science, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, 1248 Harwood Rd, Bedford, TX 76021-4244, (817) 283-2835, (http://www.coarc.com).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The program is designated selective admission due to the limited number of clinical affiliates available for students to develop clinical competence. The Program admits students only once per year for entry in the fall semester. (Please refer to admissions criteria included with this document.)

BSC 1085 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BSC 1085L Anatomy & Physiology I Laboratory
BSC 1086 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BSC 1086L Human Anatomy and Physiology II lab
MAC 1105 College Algebra or higher General Education transferable math
Financial aid recipients are required to meet minimum credit hours each semester.

APPLICANT ORIENTATION
Applicants must attend one of the orientation sessions presented throughout the year in order to complete the application process. These dates are made available to students in the application packet. Applicants who do not attend one applicant orientation session will not have a complete application submitted. You may attend the session of your choice. However, you are encouraged to attend as soon as possible.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. *Physical Examination* - Admission to certain health science programs will be contingent upon evidence of satisfactory physical health as certified by a licensed physician. (Refer to Administrative Procedure 3.041.)

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DISCLAIMER CLAUSE
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Incomplete Linkage applications will be returned to the home institution.
RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM
Polk State College

CONTACT INFORMATION
Program Director
Kathee Ford, MPH, RRT
Lakeland Campus
3425 Winter Lake Road
Lakeland, FL 33803
Phone: (863) 298-6818
kford@polk.edu

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Polk State Respiratory Care program prepares outstanding advanced-level Respiratory Therapists to meet the dynamic health care needs of the community. The program is a two-year curriculum that offers an Associate of Science degree in Respiratory Care. Upon successful completion of the CRT (Certified Respiratory Therapist) board exam, the candidate is able to become state licensed. The program prepares the candidate to become an RRT (Registered Respiratory Therapist). The RRT national board exams are completed after the entry level CRT credential is achieved. Experience is provided in basic cardiopulmonary modalities, critical care, cardiopulmonary diagnostics and rehabilitation, endotracheal intubation, arterial puncture/analysis, mechanical ventilation, emergency medicine, neonatal care, and pediatrics. Special rotations include cardiac catheterization, bronchoscopy, and pertinent surgery. The program has well qualified clinical instructors and physicians at the varied clinical site rotations. The Respiratory Care Program requires a full-time commitment throughout the two years, including a summer term during year one.

ACCREDITATION
The program has initial accreditation from the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). CoARC may be reached at (817) 283-2835.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The Respiratory Care program is a selective-admission, limited-access program. The following are required:

1. Applicants must achieve the state standards for placement at the college level on the College Placement Test (CPT) or from recent scores on the SAT and/or ACT tests. Reading score exempting enrollment in college prep reading courses or satisfactory completion of these courses is also required.

2. Applicants must be accepted to Polk State College as credit students with all required admission documents received by the Registrar.
3. The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a “C” or better prior to beginning the professional core courses (courses beginning with the prefix, RET):

   ENC 1101 English Composition I  
   BSC 2085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I  
   MAC 1105 College Algebra (or higher)

4. Pre-admission conference with the Respiratory Care Program Director.

5. The Linkage Transmittal form must be received by the Linkage Administrator at Polk State College by March 15. Students who meet the minimum qualifications must then submit the program application packet to the Program Director no later than April 1 to be considered for the fall semester class. The Respiratory Care Program is offered in a two-year curriculum with a new class starting in the fall (Term 1) semester.

6. An Overall GPA of 2.0 is required.

Students who fail to enroll and/or attend the term that admission is granted must reapply for a future date.

Note: The following additional general education courses that are required for graduation may be taken prior to admission to the program:

   CHM 1025 Introduction to Chemistry  
   PSY 2012 General Psychology  
   BSC 2086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II  
   MCB 2010C Microbiology  
   PHI 2600 Ethics

**FINAL ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Admission requirements that must be completed after the selection process has been finalized in order to remain enrolled in the program include:

1. Physical examination and essential functions  
2. Immunizations and Communicable Disease Screenings  
3. Current Healthcare CPR Certification  
4. Drug screening  
5. National Background Checks  
6. Program Orientation– Final acceptance to the Respiratory Care Program will be contingent upon the applicant attending the scheduled program orientation session. Individuals not attending the session without prior approval of the Program Director will be dropped from the program acceptance status. The acceptance letter will notify the applicant of the time, date, and place of the program orientation and a response deadline for confirmation of attendance.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION
Completion of the following courses with a GPA of 2.0 is required in addition to an overall GPA of 2.0.

- ENC 1101   College Composition I
- MAC 1105   College Algebra or higher
- BSC 2085C  Human Anatomy & Physiology I

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE
Admissions criteria and curriculum are subject to change; therefore, individuals interested in the program should contact the College to ensure the information is current.
CONTACT INFORMATION
Administrative Manager Admissions
Damon M. Kuhn MBA/PA
St. Petersburg College
P.O. Box 13489
St. Petersburg, FL 33733
Phone: (727) 341-4169
kuhn.damon@spcollege.edu

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The SPC Respiratory Care Program provides a careful integration of clinical, laboratory, and classroom work which has resulted in unusual success for program graduates. Experience is provided in basic care, critical care, pulmonary laboratory, neonatal care, and pediatrics. Special rotations include surgery, cardiac catheterization, sleep medicine and long-term care. The program has a well-qualified teaching staff of therapists and physicians.

ACCREDITATION
The Respiratory Care program at St. Petersburg College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Inquiries regarding accreditation should be directed to: CoARC, 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021 (817) 283-2835,
Application Information

Respiratory Care Associate in Science Program
Admission Requirements Checklist
(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)

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☐ Complete the St. Petersburg College Admission Application and pay the non-refundable fee.

*Note to Returning Students* If you have not enrolled in courses in the three previous semesters, you will need to complete the online Readmission Application in MySPC. You will be asked if you want to complete the readmission process when you log in to MySPC.

☐ Complete the New Student Orientation.

☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcripts. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institute are waived from this requirement.

☐ Submit all official, unopened (sealed) college transcripts from previously or currently enrolled colleges. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened.

☐ Students must demonstrate college level competency in English, Reading, and Math either through appropriate test scores, or through appropriate course completion.

☐ If previously or currently enrolled at SPC, student must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

☐ Complete BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Lab with grades of “C” or better.

☐ Complete a minimum 12 credit hours in the general education and support courses of the Respiratory Care curriculum with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

☐ Complete a minimum of 4 hours of observation, volunteer service or work experience in a Respiratory Care department. Please collect the following information while completing your observation hours.

- Name of Facility
- Date
- Time Spent
- Name of Health Provider
- Providers License #

The Health program application will provide you the opportunity to input this required information as you complete the application.

☐ **All transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College at least 30 days prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.**

☐ Submit the Health Programs Application by going to [http://www.spccollege.edu/rc-as/](http://www.spccollege.edu/rc-as/)
Selection Criteria
When the number of eligible applications exceeds the program availability, selective criteria will be used to determine which applicants will be offered admission. Students will be considered using a point system based on health program GPA, pre-entry, general education and support coursework completed, according to the following:

- 31 points may be awarded based on the number of health program pre-entry, general education and support coursework completed.
- 40 may be awarded based on the health program GPA (grades earned from pre entry, general education and support coursework. A grade of P will be assigned the value of the student’s program GPA, excluding the computer competency).

If you are not offered admission, you will need to reapply during the appropriate application acceptance period for your desired start date.

If you are offered admission you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements prior to the start of the first program course to maintain eligible status.

- Successfully pass a background check and drug screening.
- Complete the Health Examination Form and any required immunizations.
- Complete the Student Services and Program orientation.

Program Admission Statistics
On average, approximately 50-60 students apply for admissions each application period. Of these, typically 24 are accepted. The average GPA for acceptance varies based on the pool of applicants, but typically falls between 3.5 and 3.6 with most courses completed.

Program Information
First Year: Mondays & Wednesdays from approximately 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Second Year: Wednesdays from approximately 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Clinical rotations are on Mondays & Tuesdays from 6:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.
Summer: Between the 1st and 2nd year, students are in clinical rotations from 6:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and in class on Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. During the summer of the second year, students are in clinical rotations on Monday and Tuesdays from 6:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. and in class on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. -2 p.m.

Estimated Cost

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*Tuition* is estimated using the Florida resident rates. Out-of-state residents will have higher tuition fees.

¹Tuition is for core coursework only. General Education and Support courses are not included.

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St. Petersburg College  
Respiratory Care  
Experience/Observation Record  
Minimum 4 Hours

***Applicants are to dress in accordance with the dress code of the facility of attendance. Please inquire when calling to arrange your appointment.***

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