HEALTH CAREERS

The health care industry is seeing a surge in the need for high-quality graduates to work in nearly every aspect of the health care field. COCC's varied programs, degrees and certificates allow you to either start a career almost immediately after graduation or prepare you to transfer to a four-year university. Whether your interests lie in direct patient care or medical office management, COCC offers the courses and hands-on experience you need to succeed in the health care industry. No matter your career pathway, you'll build a strong foundation and be challenged to achieve the next level.

OUTSIDE OF EXPECTED

With expert faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, flexible degree options and affordable tuition, COCC offers an education comparable to any other higher education institution in all of Oregon. All in a place without compare.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

Prerequisites vary by program and can be started any term (as a full-time or part-time student). Once enrolled in a COCC health care program, students are taught in a cohort model meaning they start the program at the same time and take all their classes together.

Selective, competitive admission is required for enrollment in the following programs: Registered Nurse, Paramedic, & Veterinary Technician. Students submit applications when nearing completion of prerequisites. Students can enroll in the other COCC health career programs on a first-come, first-served basis after prerequisites have been completed.

Depending on the program, students may be required to complete criminal background checks, drug screens, immunizations, and BLS Healthcare Provider CPR certification prior to program enrollment.

All of our health care programs are either accredited and/or approved by their respective statewide boards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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HEALTH CAREERS DEGREE OPTIONS

Certified Nursing Assistant
Assist licensed nursing personnel to care for patients, providing client safety, infection control, mobility, nutrition and more in a variety of long-term and acute care settings.
- Nursing Assistant, Level 1 (1 term)
- Certified Nursing Assistant, Level 2 (1 term)
- Certified Nursing Assistant, One Year Certificate of Completion: Includes Nursing Assistant Level 1 & 2 as well as classes in math, writing, communication, psychology, and college and career success (1 year)

Dental Assistant
Trained in a broad range of clinical skills that include: assisting he dentist during procedures, preparing patients for exams, performing radiographic procedures, assisting with orthodontic procedures, maintaining medical records, patient scheduling, sterilization procedures and numerous additional skills.
- Students graduate with an Expanded Functions Dental Assisting Certification (EFDA) which is highly sought after by dentists.
- Dental Assistant, One Year Certificate of Completion (4 terms)

Health Information Management
Trained in the business and administrative side of health care.
- Health Information Management, Associate of Applied Science (7 terms)
- Coding Competency, Two Year Certificate of Completion (6 terms)
- Medical Billing Specialist, Two Year Certificate of Completion (5 terms)
- Medical Office Specialist, One Year Certificate of Completion (4 terms)

Licensed Massage Therapy
Make a difference in the lives of others in diverse employment settings: health care, physical therapy, wellness centers, sports teams, private practice, athletic clubs, vacation resorts, spas and so much more. Academics include: Anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, diverse relaxation and therapeutic massage techniques along with business, marketing, and communication. Earn a massage therapy license in 4 terms.
- Massage Therapy, Associate of Applied Science (6-8 terms)
- Massage Therapy, Two Year Certificate of Completion (4-5 terms)

Medical Assistant
Assist with clinical procedures in outpatient medical settings. Duties include: obtain patient medical history, take vital signs, prepare patients for exams & medical procedures, collect lab specimens, complete blood draws and administer select medications or tests as directed by clinician. Administrative duties include: scheduling, billing and medical records.
- Medical Assistant, One Year Certificate of Completion (4 terms)

Paramedicine/Emergency Medical Technician
Provide emergency medical services in a variety of settings: fire departments, ambulance services, hospitals (emergency departments), emergency communication systems, law enforcement, search and rescue, recreation, forest service/ smoke jumpers and rural medical clinics. Selective application required for admission to Paramedic degree program.
- Paramedicine, Associate of Applied Science (1 year in the program plus 1-2 years of prerequisites). May also choose fire fighter/paramedic pathway.
- Emergency Medical Technician (2 terms)
- Emergency Medical Technician, One Year Certificate of Completion; Includes additional classes in math, writing, communication, health, anatomy & physiology, medical terminology, and emergency management services (1-2 years)

Pharmacy Technician
Work closely with pharmacists in hospitals, drug and grocery stores, and other medical settings to help prepare and distribute medications to patients. Additional practice areas may include intravenous fluids, chemotherapy, nuclear medicine, compounding, home health, manufacturing, medication management, mail order and insurance companies.
- Pharmacy Technician, One Year Certificate of Completion (4 terms)

Public Health
Dedicated to the science of protecting the health of entire populations; preventing problems from happening before people get sick or injured; and promoting healthcare equity, quality and accessibility. The career paths vary from community health worker, health administration, public health nursing, social work to environmental health.
- The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) (2 years) focused in public health is a state-approved associate that prepares students to transfer into upper division courses for a baccalaureate degree in health sciences, nutrition sciences, community development, social work, environmental health, health policy, sociology, sustainability, health administration and public health nursing.

Registered Nurse
Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, maintain medical records, administer nursing care to ill or injured patients, provide case management, and promote disease prevention and wellness. Selective application required for admission.
- Registered Nursing, Associate of Applied Science (2 years plus 1-1.5 years of prerequisites)
- Practical Nursing, Two Year Certificate of Completion (1 year plus 1-1.5 years of prerequisites)

Transfer Preparation
COCC coursework can prepare students to transfer to a health career program at another community college or university such as dental hygiene, diagnostic imaging, laboratory technician, surgical technician, exercise science, public health, etc. Students may also begin their journey to an advanced degree in health care by completing their Associates of Arts, Oregon Transfer (AAOT) at COCC, then transferring to a university to complete their Bachelor degree before applying to graduate school (physician, physical therapist, dentist, veterinarian, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, occupational therapist, etc.).

Veterinary Technician
Work under the supervision of a veterinarian to provide professional medical care to animals. Veterinary technicians are vital in veterinary hospitals, research facilities, animal rehabilitation centers, zoos, wildlife rehabilitation, animal shelters, large animal facilities, etc. Skills include taking diagnostic radiographs, monitoring anesthesia, assisting in surgery, providing medical treatments, performing dental cleanings, drawing blood, placing catheters, animal husbandry and client education. Selective application required for admission (applications accepted every two years).
- Veterinary Technician, Associate of Applied Science (2-years plus 4 prerequisite courses and math placement)

ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT COCC
- Health Information Management classes offered online;
- Pharmacy Technician academic classes offered online; and
- Many health career program prerequisites offered online.

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