Acceptance into an Allied Health Major

1. All students, who apply for acceptance to an Allied Health Program, have their name placed on a qualified list after they meet the Allied Health Programs Qualification Requirements which are stated in this catalog (excluding Paramedic Program). Names are listed on the qualified list, in order, using the date on which documentation was received, verifying that admission criteria have been met. In the event that two or more students qualify on the same day, the date of application to the College is used to rank order these students.

   a. **NOTE: Effective for new applicants applying Fall 2005.**
      All students seeking acceptance into an associate degree allied health program must complete the ACT to qualify for acceptance into the program.

   b. Students who did not score at or above the minimum acceptable level on the ACT test may qualify for acceptance to an Allied Health Program by successfully completing the respective developmental course(s) with a grade of “C” or higher. The student must complete these developmental courses and maintain a GPA of 2.5 (exceptions: Dental Hygiene, 2.75; Medical Assisting, 2.0) or higher before he/she will be eligible for placement on the qualified list. The qualifying date will be the last day of finals week of the quarter during which he/she completed the last course. These courses do NOT count toward graduation.

2. Acceptance into first health program course.

   a. Emergency Medical Services
      Accepts two or three times per year. Please contact Program Chair.

   b. Medical Assisting
      Accepts one or two times per year. Please contact the Program Chair.

   c. Respiratory Care program
      Respiratory Care students are accepted for Summer quarter. Qualified students will be accepted until the quota for the respective program is filled.

   d. All other health programs
      One class of students is accepted for the Fall quarter of each year. Qualified students will be accepted until the quota for the respective program is filled.

3. Tech Prep and Allied Health PSEOP Early Entrance (AHPEE)
   a. Two seats in each new class will be designated for Tech Prep students who have applied by February 1st and have met the minimal qualifying criteria.
   b. Two seats in each new class will be designated for PSEOP students who have applied by February 1st and have met the minimal qualifying criteria.
   c. Remaining seats will be given to students as they are listed in numerical order on the program’s qualifying list.

4. You are at risk if you have been convicted of a prior felony and/or some misdemeanors. You may not be able to participate in clinical education experiences at some hospitals or other clinical sites; therefore preventing you from completing the program. A criminal record may also prevent you from obtaining a license or certificate in your chosen healthcare profession.

5. Dental Hygiene and Radiographic Imaging students - Radiation Monitoring: For educational and training purposes, students under the age of 18 are held to the same radiation exposure limits as members of the general public (5mSv/year). This limit is 1/10 that of the occupational exposure limit which is 50mSv/year. Experience has shown that considerably lower exposures than this are routine. The occupational radiation exposure of radiologic personnel engaged in general x-ray activity should not normally exceed 1mSV/year. (Bushong, 2004, NCRP Report N. 32)

Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening

To meet the expanding requirements of our clinical affiliates, both a criminal background check and a drug screen will be mandatory prior to clinical experiences for all students within the division of Allied Health. Some program exceptions may apply. You are at risk if you have been convicted of a prior felony and/or some misdemeanors. Students with certain felony, misdemeanor, or drug-related convictions will be ineligible for admission into clinical experiences. A criminal record may also prevent you from obtaining a license or certificate in your chosen healthcare profession. Students admitted to a program containing off campus clinical/practicum experiences will be required to submit to drug screening. Positive drug screenings will result in dismissal from all clinical courses. Any student who refuses/fails to cooperate, or complete any required drug screening will be considered “positive” and dismissed from the clinical component of their program. All students requiring drug screening may be subject to random drug screens and for cause during the program.