

MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

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CAREER AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Healthcare occupations are projected to grow faster than any other career field in order to meet the medical needs of an aging population. The Healthcare Careers 14 credit, Less than One-Year Certificate prepares students with the foundational skills required by employers for entry-level positions in the healthcare industry. In addition, it prepares students to continue their education in allied health by introducing students to the breadth of career opportunities available in the healthcare industry.

Students will examine the soft skills, technical expertise, credentials, and career paths available. Completers will understand what is required to become a healthcare professional, complete first aid and CPR for the health professional, and understand basic medical terminology, health information management, and health law and ethics. Students will develop both the customer service skills required in the industry, and well as the technical knowledge. They will be prepared to go into entry-level positions such as Patient Access Specialist, Patient Relations Representative, Medical Office Assistant, Sterile Processing Technician, Dietary Aid, and other entry-level administrative positions in the field.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES OFFERED

LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE

Healthcare Careers

Academic Prerequisites

- None

Academic Requirements

- None

Non-Academic Prerequisites

- None

Non-Academic Requirements

- None

HEALTHCARE CAREERS LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE

Minimum 14 credits. Students must meet all certificate requirements.

Healthcare Careers Certificate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HIM 182	Healthcare Delivery Systems	3
or MP 150	Introduction to Electronic Health Records	
MP 108	Healthcare Career Essentials	3
MP 111	Medical Terminology	4
MP 113	Healthcare Provider CPR/AED, First Aid/ Bloodborne Pathogens	1
or HE 113		
MP 140	Introduction to Health Law and Ethics	3
Total Credits		14