

Healthcare and Medical Occupations

Are you interested in a job in the health care field?

At Southeastern Community College, you can complete training towards a variety of entry-level health and medical occupations. SCC is dedicated to producing high-quality, professional, and knowledgeable candidates for the health care field.

For more information on the courses below and other healthcare and medical occupation courses, visit our program website at www.sccnc.edu/continuing-education-2/healthcare-medical-occupations/

Medical Office Assistant

The course will prepare individuals for national certification as a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA). Individuals enrolled in the course will have the opportunity to learn skills required to work in a medical office setting. Topics include medical terminology; communication skills; vital signs; CPR; administrative duties; office procedures; and introduction to medical coding and insurance billing and coding. Upon successful completion of the class, individuals will be eligible to take the Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) exam given by National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

Course Admission Requirements

- Submission of an official copy of high school transcript verifying graduation, adult high school diploma, or high school equivalency diploma (formerly known as GED)

Nurse Aide

Nurse Aide I

This course prepares graduates to provide personal care and to perform basic nursing skills for the elderly and other adults. Emphasis is on the aging process including mental, social and physical needs of the elderly, patient's rights, nutrition management, elimination procedures, safe environment, restorative services, personal and special care procedures and activities, human body structure, function and related common disease/disorders, communication and documentation, death and dying, and role of the nurse aide and health team members. The course includes class, laboratory and clinical learning experiences and prepares the graduate for competency evaluation required for nurse aide listing. Upon satisfactory completion of the course and the state approved competency evaluation, the graduate is eligible to apply for listing as a Nurse Aide I by the N.C. Division of Health Services Regulation. In all employment settings, the listed Nurse Aide I will work under the direction and supervision of licensed personnel.

Nurse Aide II

This course prepares graduates to perform more complex skills for patients or residents regardless of the setting. The course includes class, laboratory and clinical learning experiences. Upon satisfactory completion

of the course, the graduate is eligible to apply for listing as a Nurse Aide II by the North Carolina Board of Nursing. In all employment settings, the listed Nurse Aide II will work under the direction and supervision of licensed personnel.

Course Admission Requirements

- Submission of a copy of high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (formerly known as GED) for Nurse Aide II

Continuation

Enrollment and continuation in nurse aide courses is contingent upon the submission of the required documentation on or before the specified date communicated by the college. Additional requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Malpractice insurance (paid upon registration for class)
- OSHA training on Standard Precautions and Bloodborne Pathogens
- Successful completion of Basic Life Support
- Certification from students of the ability to perform essential functions.
- Certification from students that provides evidence that they meet the conditions of physical health and/or physical capability at a level that is acceptable to and in keeping with safe nursing care to the public.
- Certification from students that provides evidence that they meet the conditions of emotional health at a level that is acceptable to and in keeping with safe nursing care to the public
- Completed health form with current physical examination (done within 12 months prior to class end)
- TB test within 12 months prior to class end

Immunizations (required)

- Three DPT or Tetanus vaccines (one within last 10 years)
- Two MMRs or two rubeolas (measles), one mumps, one rubella (German measles) or proof of positive titers
- Completed Hepatitis B series or declination statement
- Two doses of varicella vaccine or positive varicella titer or declination statement
- Other requirements as listed by the clinical agency

Students accepted into nurse aide courses with previous physical, emotional, or behavioral problems which conflict with the safety essential to nurse aide practice must provide professional certification that appropriate treatment and/or counseling has taken place and that the problem has been adequately accommodated.

Eligibility for Listing on Nurse Aide I Registry and Nurse Aide II Registry

Students earning a grade of S in the Nurse Aide I course will receive a certificate of course completion from SCC and will be eligible to apply for the written and skills competency examinations administered through Credentia. Students must successfully complete the written and skills competency examinations administered by Credentia to be eligible to apply for listing on the NC Nurse Aide I Registry with the NC Division of Health Services Regulation.

Applicants who are currently listed on the Nurse Aide I Registry and who meet current Nurse Aide II course admission requirements may enroll in Nurse Aide II. Students earning a grade of S in the Nurse Aide II course will receive a certificate of course completion from SCC and will be eligible to apply for listing on the NC Nurse Aide II Registry with the NC Board of Nursing.

Relationship with Clinical Agency

From a safety perspective, the users of alcohol and drugs may impair the well-being of themselves and the persons they serve in the clinical setting. In addition, the contract between SCC and a clinical agency requires that the college abide by the existing rules and regulations of the agency. Clinical agencies may require acceptable criminal background checks and drug screens prior to participating in clinical. The college follows agency protocol regarding drug screening and criminal background checks. The college agrees to not assign or to withdraw any student from the clinical agency when the student is unacceptable to the agency because of health, performance, a positive drug screen or criminal background check, or other reasonable causes. Without access to the clinical facilities, the student will be unable to satisfactorily complete the nurse aide courses.

Students may be required, at their own expense, to be tested for consumption of alcohol/drugs for cause at any time while in this program. Clinical sites control work in their facility.

Dismissal of Students

Faculty teaching nurse aide courses follow published college policies and practices that provide for identification and dismissal of students who do the following:

- Demonstrate physical or emotional problems which conflict with the safety essential to nursing practice and do not respond to appropriate treatment and/or counseling within a reasonable period of time.
- Demonstrate unsafe clinical practices or behavior which conflicts with safety essential to nurse aid practice.

Students who demonstrate behavior that conflicts with safety essential to nurse aide practice can be dismissed from nurse aide courses regardless of whether treatment or counseling has occurred. Re-admission of students who were dismissed from the program for physical, emotional, or behavioral problems which conflicted with the safety essential to nurse aide practice is contingent on professional documentation that appropriate treatment and/or counseling has taken place and that the problem has been adequately accommodated.

Pharmacy Technology

This course is designed to prepare individuals with the theoretical, technical, and clinical skills needed to assist and support licensed pharmacists in providing prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, medical equipment and supplies, pharmaceutical care services, and other health care products and services for patients. Class format includes lecture, laboratory, and clinical activities. Successful completion prepares individuals for employment as a pharmacy technician in hospitals and pharmacies. After completion of class, individuals may be eligible to sit for national certification as a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT).

Course Admission Requirements

- Submission of a copy of high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (formerly known as GED)

Continuation

Enrollment and continuation in pharmacy technology courses is contingent upon the submission of the required documentation on or before the specified date communicated by the college. Additional requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Malpractice insurance (paid upon registration for class)
- OSHA training on Standard Precautions and Bloodborne Pathogens
- Successful completion of Basic Life Support
- Certification from students of the ability to perform essential functions.
- Certification from students that provides evidence that they meet the conditions of physical health and/or physical capability at a level that is acceptable to and in keeping with safe care to the public.
- Certification from students that provides evidence that they meet the conditions of emotional health at a level that is acceptable to and in keeping with safe care to the public
- Completed health form with current physical examination (done within 12 months prior to class end)
- TB test within 12 months prior to class end

Immunizations (required)

- Three DPT or Tetanus vaccines (one within last 10 years)
- Two MMRs or two rubeolas (measles), one mumps, one rubella (German measles) or proof of positive titers
- Completed Hepatitis B series or declination statement
- Two doses of varicella vaccine or positive varicella titer or declination statement
- Other requirements as listed by the clinical agency

Students accepted into pharmacy technology courses with previous physical, emotional, or behavioral problems which conflict with the safety essential to pharmacy technology practice must provide professional certification that appropriate treatment and/or counseling has taken place and that the problem has been adequately accommodated.

Eligibility for Listing with the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board

Students earning a grade of S in the pharmacy technology course will receive a certificate of course completion from SCC and will be eligible to apply for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam administered through Pearson Vue. Students must successfully complete the written examination administered by Pearson Vue to be eligible for listing on the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

Relationship with Clinical Agency

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Students may be required, at their own expense, to be tested for consumption of alcohol/drugs for cause at any time while in this program. Clinical sites control work in their facility.

Dismissal of Students

Faculty teaching pharmacy technology courses follow published college policies and practices that provide for identification and dismissal of students who do the following:

- Demonstrate physical or emotional problems which conflict with the safety essential to pharmacy technology practice and do not respond to appropriate treatment and/or counseling within a reasonable period of time.
- Demonstrate unsafe clinical practices or behavior which conflicts with safety essential to pharmacy technology practice.

Students who demonstrate behavior that conflicts with safety essential to pharmacy technology practice can be dismissed from pharmacy technology courses regardless of whether treatment or counseling has occurred. Re-admission of students who were dismissed from the program for physical, emotional, or behavioral problems which conflicted with the safety essential to pharmacy technology practice is contingent on professional documentation that appropriate treatment and/or counseling has taken place and that the problem has been adequately accommodated.

Psychiatric Technician

This course is designed to prepare individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe, therapeutic patient care to individuals who have mental health/behavioral needs in an effective and ethical manner. Coursework includes lecture, module tests, class projects and isolated clinical experiences. Successful completion of this course will prepare students for the Level I American Association of Psychiatric Technicians (AAPT) certification exam and entry level positions for Psychiatric Aides, Mental Healthcare Technicians and Healthcare Techs/Nurse Aides whose primary patient population has special mental health/behavioral needs.

Course Admission Requirements

- Minimum age of 18 years old.
- High School diploma or equivalent and proof of Nurse Aide I course completion

Eligibility for Listing with the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)

Students earning a grade of S in the medical office assistant course will receive a certificate of course completion from SCC and will be eligible to apply for the Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) exam administered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). Students must successfully complete the written examination administered by NHA to be eligible for listing as a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA).