

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Health Technology certificate is a 26-credit program that provides students with skills to secure an entry-level position in the health care field (nursing assistant, phlebotomist, and home health aide) or allow students to engage in coursework that will transfer into the different health programs.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Interact in complex environment.
- Apply critical thinking skills.
- Communicate in diverse settings.
- Recognize teamwork/collaboration as an integral part of the health care delivery.
- Demonstrate professional behavior.
- Provide safe, patient-centered care.

Industry and Career Outlook

According to the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, people in entry-level health care careers are people who tend to:

- Consider relationships important. They like to work in a friendly, non-competitive environment. They like to do things for other people. They prefer jobs where they are not pressured to do things that go against their sense of right and wrong.
- Consider good working conditions important. They like jobs offering steady employment and good pay. They want employment that fits their individual work style. They may prefer doing a variety of tasks, working alone, or being busy all the time.
- Have social interests. They like work activities that assist others and promote learning and personal development. They like to communicate with others: to teach, give advice, help, or otherwise be of service to others.
- Have realistic interests. They like work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They like to work with plants, animals, and physical materials such as wood, tools, and machinery. They often prefer to work outside.

Employers look for entry-level health care personnel who like to help people and do not mind hard work. Employees must be responsible, compassionate, emotionally stable and cheerful. They also need to be tactful, honest, and discreet about patients' private lives.

Background Study

Minnesota Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a health care facility licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health have a background study conducted by the state.

Program Start Dates

Fall Semester.....August
Spring SemesterJanuary
Summer Semester May/June

Course Prerequisites

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see [course descriptions](#) for more details.

MnTC General Education Requirements

Seven general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student are required to take:

- ENGL 1107 Composition I (Goal 1&2) 4
- SPCH 1200 or 1500 Interpersonal Communications/ Intercultural Communications (Goal 1&7)..... 3

Technical Education Credits

Select one of the following courses:

- HLTH 1101 TMA- Trained Medication Aide 3
- HLTH 1103 Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide 5

Select nine credits from the following courses:

- HLTH 1000 Disease Conditions 2
- HLTH 1005 Anatomy & Physiology 4
- HLTH 1040 Medical Terminology 2
- HLTH 1101 TMA- Trained Medication Aide 3
- HLTH 1103 Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide 5
- HLTH 1110 Introduction to ECGs 1

Select ten credits from the following courses:

- ADSC 1055 Electronic Health Records..... 2
- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology (Goal 2&3)..... 4
- BIOL 1130 Human Biology (Goal 2&3)..... 4
- BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology I (Goal 2&3)..... 4
- BIOL 2200 Anatomy & Physiology II (Goal 2&3)..... 4
- COMP 1002 Computer Technologies for Communication 2
- EMED 1076 BLS for the Healthcare Provider..... 1
- MATH 1010 Dosage Calculations for Health Care Professionals 1
- PSYC 1406 General Psychology (Goal 5)..... 4
- PSYC 1506 Lifespan Development (Goal 5)..... 4

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher to be eligible for graduation from this program.

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Also see: Nursing Assistant certificate and other Healthcare programs