

Allied Health Department AUP for Academic Year 2024-2025 October 2023

Describe Department/Unit

Connection to College Mission

The mission of the Allied Health Department is to develop and provide quality programs in various aspects of healthcare. The programs encourage education in a variety of health career areas, including Certified Nurse's Aide, Home Health Aide, Licensed Vocational Nursing, Administrative and Clinical Medical Assisting, Emergency Medical Technician, Addiction Studies, Social Work/Human Services and Nutrition and Dietetics. Numerous other courses such as Medical Terminology, Nutrition and Diet Therapy, Pharmacology, Cultural Diversity, Intravenous Therapy and Blood Withdrawal, Ethics for the HealthCare Provider and Cardiac Arrhythmia are taught as separate courses but highly augment all of the Allied Health Programs and serve as required prerequisites for several programs including Licensed Vocational Nursing, both Medical Assisting, and Emergency Medical Technician.

The Allied Health Department Programs are aligned with the college's mission in providing high quality Career Technical Education within all the disciplines, in addition to expanded opportunities to continue in a variety of career fields. The result of operating these programs is increased FTES, working relationships with our service area employers, and student employment in the communities that we serve.

The Allied Health Department Programs support enrollment in the academic programs within the college for both degree and certificate completion with the end goal of student success and employment.

Report on Improvements Made and Gaps Identified in the Prior Year

Student Equity

Active outreach into service area highlighting the opportunities available in healthcare related courses and programs. Continued advertisement of all health careers programs to all students. Continuation of community information sessions/meetings via Zoom and in-person specific to Medical Assisting opportunities throughout the service area for the District as a whole.

Low enrollment of males in nursing related courses/programs that are typical to state and national trends. Current national trends show males comprise of roughly 8% of nursing.

Continued low enrollment of males in medical assisting courses/programs as evident by regional and national trends.

Outcomes Assessment: Loop-Back Improvements Made

Actions taken in the prior academic year

Licensed Vocational Nursing continued to identify, test and implement new technologies into the classroom and virtual classroom to ensure continued success of students. This implementation was in direct correlation to restrictions brought on by COVID policies enacted by the college, facilities used, and governing board recommendations. After implementing and evaluating virtual simulation modalities for licensed vocational nursing program, we found great improvement in student critical thinking skills translating into better testing, confidence, and competence.

We have increased our offerings of Advanced Billing and Advanced Coding to include externship fall 2023 for our Regionally approved certificates.