





One of today's fastest growing career opportunities is in health care and most health occupations require an associate degree or less to enter the profession. Whether you are looking to begin a new career or improve upon skills in your current job, Craven Community College (Craven CC) offers a variety of health programs ranging from direct patient care to medical office support roles.

For over 50 years, Craven CC has prepared thousands of students for careers in medical fields. Today, Craven CC's Health Programs offer associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates in a variety of disciplines. Our Health Programs facilities feature some of the newest technologies and equipment available for teaching. The unique high-tech simulation lab trains students in a learning environment that mimics a real hospital setting. Other labs include equipment that is currently used in clinics and hospitals.





#### **HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Health Information Technology graduates work with computers and data analysis to help clinics get paid correctly, make sure every patient is getting the care they need and deserve, look for patterns where improvement is possible, and help track trends for cancer research. HIT graduates with this diverse skillset can find a career in a wide spectrum of health centers, earn a competitive salary, and continually be challenged.

#### NURSING – ASSOCIATE DEGREE

All nurses learn the fundamentals of clinical and critical thinking skills, as well as gain care experience in different specialties. Students will experience oncology, medical-surgical, mother/child, critical care, and other areas since many choose to specialize with further education.

#### NURSING – TRANSITION (LPN TO RN)

The LPN Transition Program is designed for current LPNs interested in earning their associate degree in nursing (ADN) to become a Registered Nurse (RN). LPNs accepted into this program are placed into the transition course. Upon successful completion, they are eligible to join the ADN program in the third semester.

#### **MEDICAL ASSISTING**

This versatile medical profession can assist doctors in almost every ambulatory healthcare setting and work with patients at nearly every stage of care. From assisting with examinations, drawing blood, and administrating injections to scheduling or checking in patients and assisting with billing and collections, Medical Assistants can do it all.

#### PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Optimal physical function for every patient is the underlying goal of Physical Therapy, and Physical Therapist Assistants play a vital part in helping patients achieve that. A PTA can help provide neuromuscular re-education, therapeutic exercises, and joint/soft tissue mobilization to patients recovering from strokes or sports injuries. Graduates of this nationally accredited PTA program will provide hands-on care that helps patients improve their quality of life.

#### PRACTICAL NURSING

To become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), students participate in the three-semester Practical Nursing program, where they learn certain medical skills in addition to an overview of similar course topics as a Registered Nurse (RN). LPNs often work in nursing homes, clinics, home health care, and hospitals, but with a limited scope of practice and under the direct supervision of a RN and/or doctor.

#### MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

A Medical Office Administration degree prepares students for employment as administrative personnel in areas such as medical billing and coding, dental offices, patient services, and medical documents management. With most core classes offered online, students have flexibility and minimal requirements to be on campus. MOA students can also choose to concentrate on medical billing and coding versus a general studies concentration, depending on their career goals.



## 4,000,000 According to the U.S. **Bureau of Labor Statistics** (BLS.gov), the healthcare industry is projected to add more jobs—over 4 million than any other industry between 2012 and 2022. **Associate Degree Nursing**

#### **HOW TO PREPARE AND APPLY**

Whether you are interested in a 2-year associate or a 3-month certificate, start by looking at the college website for application (associate) or class (certificate) dates. Once you see how those fit with your schedule, check the prerequisite requirements for the program of your choice. If you still have more questions before you register, we are here to help, so reach out to either our Admissions department or the Program Coordinators for those answers. Like good health, all of these programs require hard work and dedication, but the reward of helping others makes it well worth it.

#### **ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND BEYOND**

A few of the Associate Degree programs have agreements with state and online colleges which accept your core program classes for transfer. This means there are students who earn their Bachelors in Nursing from ECU or a Bachelors in Health Information Management from St.

Josephs in 2 years or less after graduating from Craven Community College. Want to know more? Ask our Health Program Admission specialist or the Program Coordinator about the RIBN, aRIBN or articulation agreements today!





#### **Growth of Health Service Employment**

In 2017 the US spent almost \$3.5 trillion on health care versus \$2.6 trillion in 2010. This increase in growth means more qualified providers and caretakers are needed in almost every field of healthcare. Additionally, as changes in technology, treatment, and care delivery develop, healthcare roles will expand beyond doctors and nurses.

Graduates from Craven Community College Health Programs are being hired by hospitals, urgent care centers, physical therapy offices, physician offices, medical coding facilities, cancer registries, nursing homes, and many others.



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# Health Certificate Programs

#### JOIN THE WORKFORCE QUICKLY

Quickly prepare for a job in health care through Craven CC's Workforce Development nursing programs. Students receive streamlined practical training and personalized instruction from experienced instructors for various health occupations. With individual programs ranging in length from 24 hours to three months, find the one that works best for you.

#### NURSE AIDE I (CNA I)

Entry-level healthcare position that focuses on assisting patients with daily activities.

#### **NURSE AIDE II (CNA II)**

Able to provide all the tasks of a Nurse Aide I and qualified to assist patients with more complicated health issues.

#### **ACTIVITY DIRECTOR**

Qualified to lead recreational activities for individuals at a medical residential facility.

#### PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Assist pharmacists with preparing and giving out prescription medication.

## CENTRAL STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN

Work in a medical facility used primarily to clean and sterilize surgical instruments and other medical supplies.

#### **EKG TECHNICIAN**

Trained to perform various diagnostic tests including electrocardiograms to aid in treating patients with cardiovascular problems.

#### **MEDICATION AIDE**

Usually an add-on certification for a nurse aide that allows them to dispense medications in a nursing home setting.

## PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIAN

Work under the supervision of a Physical Therapist and/or Physical Therapist Assistant to prepare treatment area for each patient's therapy.

#### PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN

Work under the supervision of a nurse or doctor to draw blood and prepare it for various tests.



#### VETERINARIAN ASSISTANT

Entry-level position working with a veterinarian to perform clerical tasks and basic clinical skills.





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