



HEALTH SCIENCES

CRAVEN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

26,400

Physical Therapist Assistant job openings are expected to grow 16% by 2034, much faster than other occupations



Physical Therapist Assistant

DREAM OF A BETTER TOMORROW

One of today's fastest growing career opportunities is in health care. Most health occupations require a certificate, diploma, or associate degree to enter the profession. Whether you are looking to begin a new career or improve 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.

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



Practical Nursing



189,100

Registered Nurse job
openings projected by 2034

\$93,600

2024 median salary of
Registered Nurses

DEGREE PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

Our Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program covers clinical fundamentals and critical thinking skills needed to become a registered nurse. Students gain experience in medical-surgical, maternal/child, mental health, and other areas, enabling them to care for patients in a variety of healthcare facilities.

NURSING - TRANSITION (LPN TO RN)

The LPN to RN Transition program is designed for current licensed practical nurses (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.

PRACTICAL NURSING

The Practical Nursing program provides the nursing skills and concepts needed to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). LPNs work under the direct supervision of a RN and/or doctor in a variety of healthcare facilities. This program can be completed in three semesters (day classes) or four semesters (evening classes). It is the first step toward an ADN for many students.

MEDICAL ASSISTING

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

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Health Information Technology (HIT) blends healthcare, data, and technology to improve patient care behind the scenes. HIT professionals ensure accurate records, streamline billing and coding, support clinical decisions, and uncover trends that drive better outcomes. As healthcare systems grow more data-driven and adopt tools like AI, demand for skilled HIT professionals continues to rise. This field offers long-term job security, flexibility, and remote career options in hospitals, clinics, research, and beyond.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Physical therapy is focused on improving an individual's quality of life. Physical therapist assistants provide interventions to decrease pain while improving range of mobility, strength, balance, and gait mechanics. Patients range from those with age-related degeneration or recovering from surgery and sport injuries to those with a neurological disorder. This nationally accredited program provides training for hands-on care that helps patients improve overall physical function.

MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

A Medical Office Administration (MOA) degree prepares students for employment as administrative personnel in areas such as medical billing and coding, doctors' offices, dental offices, patient services, and medical documents management. MOA students can choose a concentration in medical billing and coding or general studies. Most core classes are offered online.

Simulation Objectives:
1. Complete a head-to-toe assessment
2. Implement appropriate oral care
3. Notify provider of abnormal findings
4. Maintain patient privacy



Financial assistance and flexible classes available to suit your budget and schedule

HEALTH OCCUPATION GROWTH

Graduates from Craven CC's Health Sciences programs are being hired by hospitals, urgent care centers, physical therapy offices, physician offices, medical coding facilities, cancer registries, nursing homes, and many others.

In 2022, the U.S. spent \$4.5 trillion on healthcare versus \$3.8 trillion in 2019. It is expected to reach \$6.2 trillion by 2028. This increase means more qualified providers and caretakers are needed in almost every healthcare field. Additionally, as changes in technology, treatment, and care delivery develop, healthcare roles will continue to expand beyond doctors and nurses.

Nursing is the largest healthcare profession in the nation. Most nurses are employed in acute care settings like hospitals, but many work in the community with families and professionals to provide counseling and health advice.

Additional data and statistics available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NHE-Fact-Sheet>

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New Bern Campus
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1,900,000

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the healthcare industry will add approximately 1.9 million jobs from 2024-2034.

Employment opportunities are available in hospitals, rehabilitation care, physicians' offices, long-term care, home health facilities, clinics, and more.

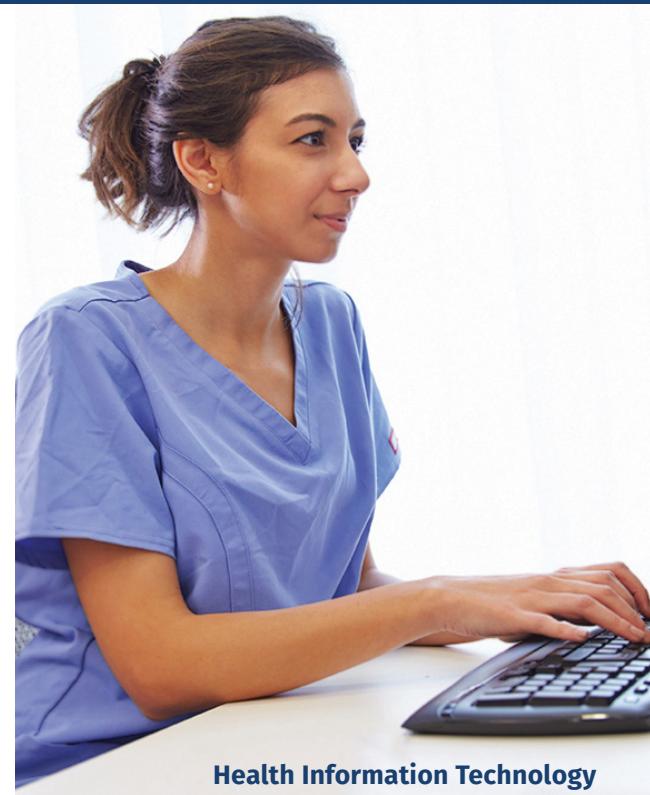
Nurse Aide

HOW TO PREPARE AND APPLY

Whether you are interested in earning a two-year associate degree or a three-month certificate, start by looking at our college website for application dates, program requirements, and available classes. 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 apply or register, we are here to help. Reach out to either our Admissions department or the program directors for answers. Like good health, all of these programs require hard work and dedication, but the reward of helping others makes it well worth the effort.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND BEYOND

Some of our associate degree programs have agreements with state and online colleges that accept your core program classes for transfer. This means there are students who earn their bachelor's degree in Nursing or Health Information Management through ECU in two years or less after graduating from Craven CC. Want to know more? Ask our Health Sciences Admissions Specialist or the program director about RIBN, aRIBN, or articulation agreements today.



Health Information Technology

SHORT-TERM TRAINING

Quickly prepare for a healthcare job in short-term health programs, offered through our Workforce Development department. Courses range from 24 hours to three months and include practical training and personalized instruction from experienced instructors.

NURSE AIDE I (CNA I)

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

NURSE AIDE II (CNA II)

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

MEDICATION AIDE

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

CARDIOGRAPHIC/EKG TECHNICIAN

Perform various diagnostic tests, including ECG/EKG, to assist in treating patients with cardiovascular problems

PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN

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

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Assists pharmacists with preparing and dispensing prescription medication

VETERINARY ASSISTANT

Entry-level position that works with a veterinarian to perform clerical tasks and basic clinical duties

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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Prepares an operating room for surgery, assists surgeons, maintains aseptic technique, familiar with medical terminology, anatomy, and patient care in operating rooms

CENTRAL STERILE PROCESSING

Works in a medical facility as an essential part of the surgical team, primarily to clean and sterilize surgical instruments and other medical supplies

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIAN

Works under the supervision of a physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant to prepare the treatment area for each patient's therapy

