

# Chapter 9

## DISTANCE EDUCATION

*SCC offers high-quality courses in a variety of non-traditional mediums to students. Distance education serves students who need ways to access quality education and professional development at non-traditional times, in non-traditional places and with non-traditional formats. Distance learning courses use the same curriculum and meet the same standards as those offered face-to-face on SCC's three campuses. Several state-of-the-art teaching technologies are used in the delivery of the distance learning courses. SCC offers credit courses comprised of fiber-optics, Internet, and off-campus courses.*



### **Virtual Learning Health Alliance**

#### **Jointly Offered Programs**

*Early Childhood Education*

*Health Information Management Systems (academic transfer)*

#### **Fiber Optics Off-Campus Courses**

**SENCAP: Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnerships**

#### **Online**

*SCC Online (Virtual)*

### **Virtual Learning Health Alliance**

The SCC Distance Learning Health Academy allows students to take classes online while remaining in their communities and regions. At the same time SCC works with the student's local community colleges and local hospitals to ensure that the general education component of the plan is in place.




Students are admitted to the **Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology or Respiratory Care program**. Students will complete core education classes in areas such as composition and math at their local community colleges or through SCC. They will begin their health care provider programs with SCC instructors who teach the courses online. The online classroom allows instructors and students to engage in discussion and interactions through modern technology. Depending on the agreements reached with local hospitals the online portion of the program can serve students anywhere in the nation or world. The local hospitals or clinics provide the clinical laboratory setting and an instructor/supervisor for students who are required to complete their program requirements of clinical (practicum) education. In addition to completing graduation requirements for the program, clinical training allows students to gain greater familiarity with local health care facilities and staff. The investment is based on the likelihood that the medical technologists educated right in their own communities or regions are very likely to remain there to work in local hospitals and clinics.

SCC faculty in the three programs are committed to placing 80 percent or more of the graduates of the medical programs right in the community and regional medical facilities and in other less urban areas where they are needed so much.

SCC's Radiologic Technology distance program is the only one in the United States to have earned AMA approval.

SCC will work with local hospitals or clinics to develop a plan for addressing student needs, including whether SCC can assist you. One issue will be to determine whether there are sufficient procedures in your surgery, respiratory care, and/or radiology departments to provide the necessary clinical settings for students.

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## Jointly Offered Programs

### Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education is being offered online as a joint venture between SCC and the other five community colleges in Nebraska. Career possibilities are in the areas of preschool teachers, infant and toddler caregivers, and before-and-after-school activity coordinators for school-age children in Head Start programs.

### Medical Coding (Health Information Management Systems)

Central Community College, in cooperation with SCC, provides students the opportunity to enter the occupation of medical coding. This program allows students to maintain residency in their hometown area. Students who pursue an education in medical coding will complete the program's general education courses and support level courses through SCC. The medical coding courses are taken online from CCC.

### Fiber Optics

The fiber optics system is a fully interactive distance learning system, using fiber optic cable between sites to transmit video, audio and data signals. Academic and career/technical course offerings are available through this system. Both day and evening courses are available.

Southeast Nebraska Distance Learning Consortium is a fiber optic system in southeast Nebraska that is comprised of four SCC locations (Beatrice, Lincoln, Milford, Energy Square), Peru State College, Educational Service Units 3, 4, 5 and 6, and more than 50 public school districts.

### Off-Campus Courses

Off-campus courses are conducted within the College area, but not at one of the SCC campuses. Credit classes meet the approved curriculum, meet the same criteria and have the same course number as a campus class and are taught by an instructor approved by the College. Some credit courses may have prerequisites or minimum required scores on an assessment test prior to registration. ASSET, COMPASS and ACT/SAT scores are frequently used to determine placement. Courses are frequently held at local high schools.

## SENCAP

### Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnerships

SCC and many southeast Nebraska school districts within our service area have formed Career Academy Partnerships. SENCAP provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to take college-level credit courses. The courses are considered "dual credit" meaning the student will receive credit for the high school and college course at the same time. Students can explore career fields and may be able to participate in community career events including tours, job-shadowing experiences, and listening to speakers.

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## SCC Online (Virtual Courses)

SCC Online addresses the changing nature of work, home life and learning with the creative use of educational technology. You are at the gates of our virtual campus, a campus that extends SCC's educational programs to learners around the globe. Our online program provides a complete academic

environment. It draws on the expertise of SCC's faculty; it provides learner support that ranges from advising to online registration; and it offers access to a wide range of resources, including the College's library system.

You have an opportunity to do homework with others in your class, to join in collaborative discussions led by the instructor, and to participate in a wide range of educational activities, all thanks to a cyberspace journey of just a few seconds.



### SCC programs currently provided entirely online:

- Business Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Long Term Care Administration
- Office Professional
- Polysomnographic Technology
- Radiologic Technology
- Surgical Technology
- Also: Transfer and general education courses
- Dental Assisting
- Food Service Certificate
- Medical Assisting
- Pharmacy Technician
- Practical Nursing
- Respiratory Care