

# Academic Transfer

## Health Science Programs Information Sheet



Many of the Health Science programs have admission requirements that must be completed prior to entering the actual program.

After meeting the requirements, students may apply for admission into their desired Program of Study.

Students interested in applying to any of these [Health Science programs](#) should [apply to Academic Transfer - Associate of Science](#) and indicate their program of interest.

- Associate Degree Nursing
- Associate Degree Nursing (LPN to ADN Option)
- Dental Assisting
- Paramedic
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Practical Nursing
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Care
- Surgical Technology

### Associate Degree Nursing

This program provides instruction in basic nursing skills, medical/surgical nursing, maternal/child nursing, mental health, and gerontology. Graduates meet the education eligibility requirements to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination. Graduates must pass the NCLEX-RN to obtain a license as a Registered Nurse. Students will have 608 hours of clinical practice in various settings.

- Location: Lincoln Campus and (Beatrice upon approval)
- Length: 21 months (part-time track available)
- Award: Associate of Applied Science degree
- Salary: \$22.25 (average starting wage per hour)

#### Recent graduates hired as:

- Charge Nurse
- Registered Nurse
- RN, Aesthetic Surgery
- RN, Cardiac Progressive Care Unit
- RN, Case Manager
- RN, Critical Care/Medical/ Renal Unit
- RN, Emergency
- RN, Intensive Care Unit
- RN, Neuroscience/ Progressive Care Unit
- RN, Pediatric Unit
- RN, Ventilator Assist Unit

### Dental Assisting

Dental assistants interact with patients and assist dentists in providing quality dental health care. You may also expose and process dental radiographs (X-rays), prepare and sterilize instruments and equipment, take impressions of patients' teeth, polish (coronal) teeth, assist the dentist with various procedures, communicate with other health care professionals, and perform office-management tasks. Graduates are eligible to apply for the Certified Dental Assistant Exam delivered by the Dental Assisting National Board.

- Location: Lincoln Campus and Online\*
- Length: 12 months
- Award: Diploma, *Associate of Applied Science (pending Coordinating Commission Approval)*
- Salary: \$14.95 (average starting wage per hour)

#### Recent graduates hired as:

- Certified Dental Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- Hygiene Assistant
- Treatment Coordinator/ Certified Dental Assistant

### Paramedic

Paramedics provide medical care by preventing or reducing mortality and morbidity due to illness and injury. As a patient advocate, paramedics seek to be proactive in affecting long-term health care by working in conjunction with other provider agencies, networks and organizations. Traditional roles are in pre-hospital medicine with ambulance services, fire departments, flight programs, as well as within hospital critical access care areas.



- Location: Lincoln Campus
- Length: 21 months
- Award: Associate of Applied Science degree
- Salary: \$18.50 (average starting wage per hour)

#### Recent graduates hired as:

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Paramedic

### Physical Therapist Assistant



Physical therapist assistants, also called PTAs, work under the direction of physical therapists and help patients recover from injuries and regain movement. A physical therapist assistant helps people of all ages who have

medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives.

- Location: Lincoln Campus
- Length: 21 months
- Award: Associate of Applied Science degree
- Salary: \$22.85 (average starting wage per hour)

#### Recent graduates hired as:

- Physical Therapist Assistant

### Practical Nursing

This program will teach you the concepts, principles, skills, and attitudes needed to become a practical nurse who can work with patients throughout the life-span. LPNs report directly to a registered nurse or physician and perform many procedures, including monitoring vital signs, administering medication, documenting work and supervising unlicensed personnel.

- Location: Beatrice and Lincoln Campuses and Online\*
- Length: 12 months (part-time track available through the Beatrice Campus with clinicals at Beatrice, Lincoln, Falls City or Geneva)
- Award: Diploma
- Salary: \$16.05 (average starting wage per hour)

#### Recent graduates hired as:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- LPN, Mental Health Unit
- LPN Charge Nurse

### Radiologic Technology

This program will provide you with the necessary skills to be a successful technologist in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices, and private/governmental institutions. The program teaches the safe use of radiation to produce images of the human body for diagnostic purposes. Clinical courses are supervised and held at pre-approved accredited medical centers. Students who earn an Associate of Applied Science degree are eligible to take the national examination of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and apply for state licensure.



- Location: Lincoln Campus and Online\*
- Length: 21 months
- Award: Associate of Applied Science degree
- Salary: \$18.50 (average starting wage per hour)

#### Recent graduates hired as:

- Radiologic Technologist

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or the Admissions Office

Beatrice 402-228-8214 or Lincoln 402-437-2600

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## Respiratory Care



This program prepares students to become practitioners who evaluate, treat and care for patients with breathing or other cardiopulmonary disorders. Respiratory therapists follow specific, well-defined respiratory care procedures under the direction of physicians. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Board for Respiratory Care exams and apply for state licensure.

- Location: Lincoln Campus and Online\*
- Length: Face-to-face 18 months, Online 24 months
- Award: Associate of Applied Science degree
- Salary: \$20 (average starting wage per hour)

### Recent graduates hired as:

- Registered Respiratory Therapist

## Surgical Technology

This program will provide you with the skills necessary to become a successful surgical technologist. Surgical technologists are an integral part of the surgical team. They anticipate the needs of the surgical team, hand instruments and assist the surgeon by holding retractors, cutting sutures, suctioning wounds, adjusting lights, and applying dressings. The National Certification Exam will be administered before graduation.



- Location: Lincoln Campus and Online\*
- Length: 21 months
- Award: Associate of Applied Science degree
- Salary: \$17.10 (average starting wage per hour)

### Recent graduates hired as:

- Certified Surgical Technologist
- Surgical Technologist

## ~New Student Checklist~

1.  **Submit an Application for Admission to Academic Transfer Associate of Science**
2.  **Meet with an advisor to complete program advising sheet**  
**To schedule an appointment with the Health Science Programs Advisor, call:**  
402-437-2688 or 402-437-2470 or 402-437-2445, or email [healthprograms@southeast.edu](mailto:healthprograms@southeast.edu)
3.  **Send Transcripts**

Submit your final high school transcripts and official transcripts for any college credit that you have earned to:

**Southeast Community College, Admissions Office**  
8800 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68520

While we don't require a transcript as part of the admissions process, it's strongly recommended that you submit one as they are often required for financial aid verification or course placement. Please remember that transcripts showing completed college coursework must be sent from the institution where the credits were earned.

Students interested **Healthcare Services, Medical Assisting, Medical Laboratory Technology, Pharmacy Technician, Polysomnographic Technology or Surgical First Assist** programs should apply directly to their program of interest as opposed to the Academic Transfer program.

For more information, please contact the program chair or the Admissions Office on the Lincoln Campus. 402-437-2600 or [admissions@southeast.edu](mailto:admissions@southeast.edu).

## Healthcare Services



The Healthcare Services Certificate provides you with entry-level, flexible skills to work in hospitals, medical facilities and physicians' offices. Southeast Community College provides coursework and training for this certificate through the healthcare programs including:

on campus, the Continuing Education division, the career academy dual-credit health pathways offered at both The Career Academy and through the Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership (SENCAP), and through our six Learning Centers, in our 15-county service area.

Courses are offered in an online, hybrid, or traditional classroom learning format.

Contact the program director at [kewardson@southeast.edu](mailto:kewardson@southeast.edu).

- Location: Lincoln Campus
- Length: 2 terms
- Award: Certificate
- Salary: New program. No data available.

### Types of jobs available:

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Medication Aide
- Phlebotomist
- EMT
- EKG Technician
- Personal Care Aide

## Medical Assisting

Medical assistants perform clinical duties such as vital signs, laboratory tests and electrocardiograms. They draw blood, prepare and administer medication and assist the physician. They may also perform administrative duties such as scheduling appointments, billing, coding, and insurance. Graduates work in offices and clinics of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors, optometrists, and other specialties. Students who obtain a Limited Radiographer License in Nebraska may also be able to take X-rays of the chest and/or extremities. Students complete the CMA (AAMA) Certification Examination just prior to graduation. Contact the program chair at [kzabel@southeast.edu](mailto:kzabel@southeast.edu).

- Location: Lincoln Campus
- Length: 18 months
- Award: Diploma
- Salary: \$13.05 (average starting wage per hour)

### Recent graduates hired as:

- Certified Medical Assistant
- Dermatology Assistant
- Medical Assistant

## Medical Laboratory Technology

Medical laboratory technicians perform tests that aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. You will work in all areas of the clinical laboratory, including blood banking, chemistry, hematology, immunology, and microbiology. Find satisfaction in knowing you are doing important work used to diagnose patient illnesses and conditions. Graduates are eligible to take national certification examinations offered by the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification. Students also may transfer up to 60 semester credit hours to the University of Nebraska Medical Center Division of Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Contact the program chair at [lpantiz@southeast.edu](mailto:lpantiz@southeast.edu).



- Location: Lincoln Campus
- Length: 24 months
- Award: Associate of Applied Science degree
- Salary: \$17.35 (average starting wage per hour)

### Recent graduates hired as:

- Medical Laboratory Technician

## Pharmacy Technician



This is the only accredited Pharmacy Technician program in Nebraska! The program will provide you with the necessary skills to be a successful technician who is qualified to work in a variety of pharmacy settings. Pharmacy technicians are employed anywhere a licensed pharmacist may work, such as an acute-care hospital, long-term care, home health, mail order, and retail pharmacy services. Graduates are eligible to take the national certification exam for pharmacy technicians through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. Instruction will be delivered by certified pharmacy technicians and pharmacists.

- Location: Lincoln Campus
- Length: 12 months
- Award: Diploma
- Salary: \$13.50 (average starting wage per hour)

### Recent graduates hired as:

- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacy Technician

## Polysomnographic Technology

Polysomnographic technologists are allied health professionals who work under the supervision of a licensed sleep physician to assist in the education, evaluation, treatment, and chronic care management of patients with sleep disorders. Sleep technologists are experts at fitting, titrating and troubleshooting PAP devices which are used to eliminate sleep-disordered breathing and improve quality of life. Sleep technologists obtain certification through board examination to acquire the credential of Registered Polysomnographic Technologist. Contact the program director at [kummins@southeast.edu](mailto:kummins@southeast.edu) for more information.



- Location: Online\* (clinicals completed at sleep centers)
- Length: 6 months
- Award: Certificate
- Salary: \$21.65 (average starting wage per hour)

### Recent graduates hired as:

- Polysomnographic Technician
- Sleep Technician

## Surgical First Assist

A surgical assistant is a skilled practitioner who has undergone formalized education and training as a surgical assistant after several years' experience as a surgical technologist. The surgical assistant performs surgical functions that include, but are not limited to: retracting, manipulating, suturing, clamping, cauterizing, ligating, and tying tissue; suctioning, irrigating and sponging; positioning the patient; closure of body planes and skin; and participating in hemostasis and volume replacement. Surgical assistants are certified and licensed by the state of Nebraska, or, in states without licensure, National Board of Surgical Technologist and Surgical Assistants certified as surgical assistants by completing appropriate education and certification exam. Contact the program director at [ckreps@southeast.edu](mailto:ckreps@southeast.edu).



- Location: Lincoln Campus and Online\*
- Length: 9 months
- Award: Certificate (pending Coordinating Commission approval)
- Salary: New program. \$21.33 (avg. per hour/ Nebraska Dept. of Labor)

### Types of jobs available:

- Surgical First Assistant

\*Online programs offer Web-based courses but require supervised clinicals/practicums/labs at identified locations.

**Estimated Expenses:** Nebraska Resident tuition rate is \$65.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition rate is \$79.50 per credit hour. Student fee is \$2 per credit hour. Graduation fee is \$25.