



Careers in both health-care support and technical jobs are expected to be the two fastest-growing groups now through 2024. These careers are expected to contribute the most new jobs, with a combined increase of 2.3 million in employment, representing one in four jobs.



## Certificate

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:  
Certificate ..... 12.0



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## Why SCC?

This certificate provides the flexibility to give students entry-level skills to work in hospitals, physicians' offices and other medical facilities, as well as the ability to perform a variety of services. It allows students to begin working in health care as they explore and pursue completion of General Education and program-required coursework at Southeast Community College for a number of Health Sciences Diploma and Associate of Applied Science degree programs.

## Program Overview

SCC provides coursework and training for this certificate through the Health Sciences programs at the campus locations, Continuing Education and through our career academy health program offerings at The Career Academy and throughout our 15-county area through the SENCAP program and at the SCC Learning Centers. Many of the courses are offered in online, hybrid, or traditional classroom learning experiences.

Students complete one general education course and then select the entry-level healthcare courses that meet their career goals. Online and hybrid students complete the didactic portion on computer, and then lab is provided at an SCC campus, learning center, TCA, or SENCAP high school.

New program students are admitted every term.



## Top Career Options

- Nursing Assistant/Medication Aide
- Phlebotomist
- EMT/EKG Technician
- Personal Care/Nutrition/Physical Therapy Aide
- Sterile Processing Technician



## Graduate Earnings

New program\*.

\*New program. No graduate salary data available. Estimated salaries listed on the reverse side are based on the 10th percentile earnings for SCC's 15-county area for all occupations relevant to the program of study. (EMSI data; [www.economicmodeling.com](http://www.economicmodeling.com))

2019-2020 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour	
Nebraska Resident	\$108
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate	\$129
<b>Estimated Expenses</b>	
Tuition/Fees	\$ 1296
Books	425
Special Fees	45
Tools/Supplies	50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,766</b>

To earn the Certificate, students must complete one General Education course and 9 credits of HLTH courses, for a total of 12 credit hours.

## Special Program Requirements

A grade of a "C" or higher is required for all Healthcare Services courses to graduate from the program.

## General Education Requirements

One Course from any of the Core General Education Categories:  
Recommended Courses/Categories:

Written Communication		
Oral Communication		
SOCL1010	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
PSYC1820	Introduction to Psychology	3.0
BIOS1140	Human Anatomy w/Lab	4.0
BIOS2250	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0

## Healthcare Services Courses

(Students can select any combination of courses to complete degree credit hours)

Course #	Course title	Credit hours
HLTH1040	Medication Aide	2.5
HLTH1050	Dental Terminology	3.0
HLTH1080	Electrocardiograph (EKG) Technician	3.5
HLTH1090	Personal Care Aide	3.5
HLTH1150	Nursing Assistant	4.0
HLTH1250	Sterile Processing	6.0
HLTH1350	Nutrition Aide	3.5
HLTH1450	Physical Therapy Aide	3.5
MEDT1100	Procedures in Phlebotomy	2.0
EMTL1305	EMT	8.0
		12.0 Total hours

## Special Program Requirements

1. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in EMT and Nursing Assistant courses. Based on the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of \$45 will be assessed for this CBC. Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring a state license.
2. Please Note: if English is not your first language, to be successful in these courses, it is recommended that you have completed ESL Level 8 or higher. If you are not at this level, we recommend you visit with your advisor.



## Entry-Level Career Options Include:

**EKG (electrocardiogram) Technicians** assist in monitoring and testing a patient's cardiovascular performance using EKG equipment. These tests help detect irregularities in the heart function. Additional duties include explaining procedures to patients, monitoring vitals and blood pressure, and positioning patients.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$12.37

**Phlebotomists** draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations. They mainly work in hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and doctor's offices. Phlebotomists accurately obtain blood samples and transport specimens to the medical lab.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$11.28

**Nursing Assistants** help provide basic care for patients in hospitals and to residents of long-term care facilities such as nursing homes.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$10.30

**Medication Aides** provide a safe way for individuals other than licensed health care professionals such as doctors and nurses to provide medications to individuals who are not able to do so themselves.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$10.30

**Emergency Medical Technicians**, also known as EMTs, care for the sick or injured in emergency settings. People's lives often depend on quick reaction and competent care provided by these workers. EMTs respond to emergency calls, perform medical services and transport patients to medical facilities.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$10.69 (many positions are volunteer within communities)

**Personal Care Aides** help people with disabilities, chronic illnesses, or cognitive impairment by assisting in their daily activities. They often help older adults who need assistance with hygiene, dressing, errands, and shopping. Personal care aides also work with families to care for special needs children or aging adults.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$9.89

**Sterile Processing Technicians** clean and sterilize surgical equipment before and after procedures.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$12.16

**Physical Therapy Aides** work under the supervision of physical therapists. They perform nonmedical tasks, such as setting up and cleaning treatment rooms, and transporting patients to different areas of a healthcare facility.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$9.77

**Nutrition Aides** prepare and serve meals by following menus and diet cards while maintaining clean and safe kitchens.  
EMSI salary data average per hour: \$12.32

