

Academic Transfer

Health Science Program Information

Beatrice & Lincoln Campuses

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
- Pharmacy Technician
- 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

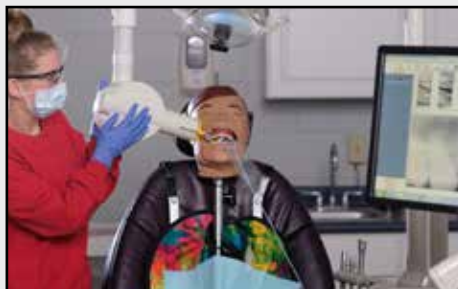
Dental Assisting

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
- 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



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: Education Square (downtown Lincoln) and Online*
- Length: 12 months
- Award: Diploma
- Salary: \$13.50 (average starting wage per hour)

Recent graduates hired as:

- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacy Technician



Contact Information:

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or the Admissions Office
Beatrice 402-228-8214 or Lincoln 402-437-2600

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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

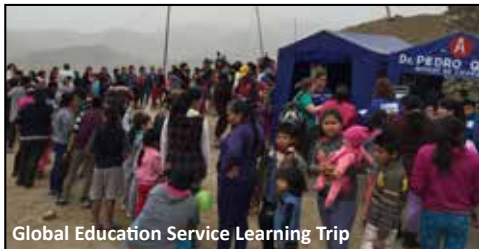


This program will teach you the concepts, principles, skills, and attitudes needed to become a practical nurse who can work with patients throughout the life-span. LPNs report directly to a registered nurse or physician and perform many procedures, including monitoring vital signs, administering medication, 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 clinics 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 Charge Nurse
- LPN, Mental Health Unit



Global Education Service Learning Trip

~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
3. **Send Transcripts**
Submit your final high school transcripts and official transcripts for any college credit that you have earned to:
Southwest 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.

*Online= Program offers Web-based courses but requires 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.

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

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



Additional opportunities in Health Sciences:

- Global Education Medical Service Learning Trip to Guatemala
- Student Organizations
- HOSA
- Volunteer Opportunities

Students interested in **Medical Assisting, Medical Laboratory Technology or Polysomnographic Technology** 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.

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.

- 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 lpanetiz@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

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. **Graduation from an associate degree program in a health-related program of study or a copy of a current Respiratory Technology or Registered Nurse license is required to be admitted to the program.** Contact the program director at kcummins@southeast.edu.



- 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