

Health Care Assistant



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Admission Requirements

Minimum admission requirements (in addition to general admission requirements):

Attain a 15 composite score on the ACT;

Or

Score a 40.0 or higher on the ACCUPLACER Reading Section and a 32 or above on the Arithmetic Section.

Prior to clinical experiences, students must receive CPR certification. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR. A Mantoux Two-Step TB Skin Test and a Drug Screening Test will be scheduled after enrollment.

All students admitted into the program will be required to pay for fingerprinting and a background check, which will be performed after admission and prior to clinical laboratories. These fees will be attached as registration fees. There are certain convictions that will prevent an individual being eligible to participate in clinical experiences. If a student is unable to participate in clinical experiences, he/she will be dismissed from the Program. For additional information, contact the Health Education Advisor.

Mississippi Law now requires health care professionals or Workforce Education students enrolled in programs whose primary purpose is to prepare professionals to render patient care services to submit to criminal background checks and fingerprinting prior to beginning any clinical rotation in a licensed health care entity. If such fingerprinting or criminal background checks of the student disclose a felony conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (g), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust, aggravated assault or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult which has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the student shall not be eligible to be admitted to such health program of study, nor will he/she be eligible to participate in clinical training in a licensed entity. In addition, clinical affiliates have identified "other exclusions" or other criminal offenses that will preclude a student from participating in the clinical practicum. The student's eligibility to participate in the clinical training phase of his/her health care program shall be voided if the student receives a disqualifying criminal record check; therefore, the student will be dismissed from the program.

If a student currently enrolled in the Nursing Program is prohibited from participating in clinical experiences by any clinical affiliate of Meridian Community College (e.g., positive drug screen, gregarious behavior, violation of patient safety, non-compliance with the College's "Student Behavior Code," etc.), then the student will be dismissed from the program of study. The student is not eligible for program readmission unless the clinical restriction is removed.

Course of Study

HCA 1115	Basic Health-Care Assisting	5
HCA 1214	Body Structure and Function	4
HCA 1125	Special Care Procedures	5
HCA 1312	Home Health Aide and Homemaker Services	2
	Semester Hours	16