

Allied Health Programs

WVC offers the following allied health programs:

- Chemical Dependency Studies**, pages 60-61
- Medical Assistant**, pages 80-81
- Medical Laboratory Technology**, pages 82-84
- Nursing (RN)**, pages 87-89
- Practical Nursing (LPN)**, page 89
- Nursing Assistant**, page 90
- Radiologic Technology**, pages 92-94

Admission Requirements

Qualified applicants who have met the prerequisites for the allied health program of their choice are considered of equal merit and equally qualified to be accepted into a limited-enrollment program. However, if the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available spaces in a program, admission will be competitive and based on an estimate of the student's potential to succeed.

Students applying to an allied health program must attend an allied health information session prior to submitting a supplemental application for a program. The information sessions will describe the requirements of the programs, the application processes, the selection criteria and the occupation under consideration. Application materials are available on the website: www.wvc.edu/alliedhealth. The schedule of information sessions is available in the allied health office and on the college website.

To be considered for an allied health program, it is the student's responsibility to:

- Submit a complete application package consisting of:
 - WVC Application for Admission.
 - Supplemental application for admission to WVC Allied Health program of choice.
 - Sealed, official transcripts from all colleges where the student has earned credit.
- Complete all prerequisite coursework by the specific program deadline with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better, verified by transcript.
- Achieve a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5.
- Meet any other specific program requirements as outlined on the WVC website.
- Be 18 years of age or older prior to entering clinical experience.

The application deadline for specific programs will be posted on the college website. Call the WVC Allied Health Educational Planner for more information, 509.682.6844.

Note: Admission to WVC is required but does not guarantee admission into an allied health program. Admission to these programs follows the procedure outlined above.

An interview may be required for students applying to the medical laboratory technology regional sites.

Student Responsibilities

Once accepted into an allied health program, students must fulfill the following requirements:

- Provide a current Healthcare Provider CPR card. Must include but not limited to first aid/CPR/AED for adults, children and infants. The CPR card must be issued by a person or facility qualified specifically to instruct CPR for healthcare providers. (NOTE: This requirement does not apply to students in the nursing assistant program.)
- Provide a copy of seven-contact hour course – Washington State HIV/AIDS Certificate. (Seven-hour online class offered through www.nursingceu.com or any other seven-hour HIV/AIDS class.)
- Provide documentation of immunizations to the Student Immunization Tracker (for a complete list, visit the allied health pages at www.wvc.edu/alliedhealth).
- Provide verification of major medical insurance (accident/injury) for participation in clinical learning experiences. Students should expect to pay an additional fee for this mandatory student insurance, unless they are currently covered by an insurance carrier and can provide proof of insurance. Students have the option to purchase the Washington State Community College insurance. Obtain a brochure at the cashier's station or at www.summitamerica-ins.com.
- Provide background check information to provide clearance for participation in required clinical learning experiences. National background checks must go back at least six years and be within 45 days of acceptance into the program.
- Provide results of a ten-panel drug test, not older than 45 days, from a certified lab.
- Complete the allied health packet, which includes: student disclosure form, a child and adult abuse information act disclosure statement, medical record form, student release form and student confidentiality form.
- Liability insurance is calculated into tuition and fees annually at the time of registration.
- Physical requirements include: ability to lift 50 pounds, carry 20 pounds, sit for four hours and stand for eight to twelve hours.

NOTE: Conviction of certain crimes may prevent completion of the clinical course requirements of the program and may prevent future licensure and employment in the healthcare field. A criminal record check is required prior to any clinical education experience. Students with criminal records are required to meet with the dean of allied health to determine if the criminal history would prevent access to a healthcare facility.

For more information about allied health admissions, contact the allied health educational planner at 509.682.6844.