Information on Health Career Programs

2016 application for programs starting 2016-17

Kankakee Community College's Health Career Programs use a competitive application process. There are limits to the number of students who can enter each program annually. Therefore, admission to KCC does not mean acceptance into a Health Career Program. This handout introduces important dates, academic and records requirements. It also has some information on the HESI A2 test – which is used for prioritizing the selection list.

You must meet minimum records and academic eligibility requirements by the deadlines listed below to receive first consideration for entry to the corresponding program. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINES LISTED BELOW.

1. Meet Record and Academic Eligibility requirements.
2. Meet with a health careers advisor for clearance to take the HESI A2 Exam.
3. Take the HESI A2 Entrance Exam. Score at 70% or higher.
4. Meet with a health careers advisor to apply to the program of choice.

Program	HESI A2 Testing	Application Deadline	Documentation Deadline	Letters Sent	Mandatory Orientation	Program Start
Radiography	Dec. - Feb.	2/26/2016	3/25/2016	4/1/2016	4 /29/2016	Summer 2016
Physical Therapist Assistant	Feb. - April	4/15/2016	5/13/2016	5/26/2016	7/11-12/2016	Fall 2016
Practical Nursing	Feb. - April	4/15/2016	5/13/2016	5/26/2016	6/21/2016	Fall 2016
Registered Nursing	Feb. - April	4/15/2016	5/13/2016	5/26/2016	6/21/2016	Fall 2016
Registered Nursing, Fall Entry Adv. Placement Option	Feb. - April	4/15/2016	5/13/2016	5/26/2016	6/21/2016	Fall 2016
Medical Lab Technology	March - May *May -July	5/26/2016 *Extended 7/1/2016	6/16/2016 *7/13/2016	6/23/2016 *7/13/2016	7/13/2016 7/13/2016	Fall 2016 Fall 2016
Paramedic	*April - Aug	*Extended 8/9/2016	*8/9/2016	*8/10/2016	*8/10/2016	Fall 2016
Respiratory Therapist	Aug. - Oct.	10/14/2016	10/21/2016	10/28/2016	11/16/2016	Spring 2017
Registered Nursing	Aug. - Oct.	10/14/2016	11/4/2016	11/18/2016	12/13/2016	Spring 2017
Registered Nursing, Spring Entry Adv. Placement Option	Aug. - Oct.	10/14/2016	11/4/2016	11/18/2016	12/13/2016	Spring 2017
Medical Lab. Tech. Adv. Placement Option	Aug. - Oct.	10/14/2016	11/4/2016	11/18/2016	12/13/2016	Spring 2017

Advising appointments can be made by calling 815-802-8500.
Program questions, please call 815-802-8800.

RECORD REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

It is your responsibility to provide KCC with all records by the documentation due date.

- Kankakee Community College application for admission.

- Official copy of high school transcript or GED test scores. Transcripts/scores must be sent directly from the high school or GED testing institution to KCC's Office of Admissions and Registration. This requirement is waived if you have a documented college degree from a regionally accredited college (see below). Faxes are not accepted.

- If currently enrolled in high school, an official seventh semester transcript must be received at KCC prior to the deadline date. A final transcript must be received at KCC following graduation.

- Official copies of all college transcripts:
  Official transcripts from all other colleges attended must be sent directly to KCC's Office of Admissions and Registration from the colleges. Faxes are not accepted. Transcripts must include all coursework completed prior to the deadline date.

  International students –All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services.
  Visit www.naces.org/members.htm for information.

- Proof of residency
  District residents receive first preference for admission provided other program admission criteria are met. Proof of residency is required each term.

The official definition of residency and description of KCC's boundaries are available in Student Services.

Considered as a "district-resident"
Legal resident of the KCC district
Cooperative agreement student
International student with an F-1 visa and a U.S. sponsor living in the district
International student with permanent resident card, residing in KCC district.

Considered as an "out-of-district resident"
Legally resides outside of the KCC district
Not living in the district, but working in the district
Not living in the district, but have a parent or guardian who works/lives in the district
Attends another college/university within KCC's District 520 and lives in college/university housing.
Granted a charge-back from his/her home community college
International student without an F-1 visa
International student with an F-1 visa, living outside of KCC's district

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

It is your responsibility to complete academic eligibility requirements by the application deadline.

- Complete the ACT or ACT Compass in writing, math, and reading comprehension. Score at the appropriate level in all three areas by virtue of the following: placement into ENGL 1613, MATH 1424 or above; and a score of 79 or higher in Reading.

- If ACT Compass was not taken at KCC, you must have official scores sent directly to KCC from that institution.

- Unless noted, tests must have been taken within the last four years (48 months).

- A grade of C or better is required for all coursework. For further information on GPA requirements, please see the Grade Point Average section, Page 3.

International Students

Note: If your ACT or ACT Compass scores are below the requirements, you can successfully complete foundational level coursework then take the HESI A2 entrance exam. Consult your advisor for more information.

Science Requirements

- For programs requiring BIOL 2644 as an academic eligibility requirement: Complete BIOL 2644 (or equivalent) with a "C" or better; or be enrolled in the prerequisite for BIOL 2644. Prerequisites of BIOL 2644 are one year of high school chemistry or college level chemistry with a grade of C or better; or CHEM 1514 and CHEM 1524. Completion of Conceptual Chemistry does not fulfill this requirement.

- For programs requiring CHEM 1504 as an academic eligibility requirement: Complete CHEM 1504 (or equivalent) with a "C" or better; or be enrolled in the prerequisite for CHEM 1504. Prerequisites of CHEM 1504 are MATH 1113 or MATH 1414 with a grade of C or better and READ 1484 with a grade of C or better.

- For programs requiring a biology course, complete a college course with a BIOL prefix, with a "C" or better. One year of high school biology fulfills this requirement. The prerequisite for biology courses is READ 1484 with a grade of C or better.

'In-progress' requirements

- You must verify that you are in-progress with biological science requirement(s) and the Certified Nursing Assistant course by providing a current transcript (either official or unofficial) with the course listed as registered or in-progress during the semester which includes the program deadline. The course(s) must be completed with a final grade posted and verified, prior to the specified program's start date.

- KCC will verify that applicants enrolled at KCC are in coursework that will be completed prior to the program start date.

- If you receive a grade of D or F, withdraw, or have an incomplete at the end of the "in-progress" course, eligibility for the program will be nullified.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

KCC's Health Career programs have mandatory eligibility requirements that must be completed before submitting an application to the program. The chart below specifies additional requirements that not all programs are required to complete. For more information on academic eligibility requirements, meet with a health career advisor.

Program	Additional Program Requirement
Medical Laboratory Technology	ACT Math score ≥ 22 /ACT Compass Algebra score ≥ 60
Medical Laboratory Technology – Adv. Placement Option 1	All general education requirements must be completed in addition to academic eligibility requirements
Paramedic	Current EMT-B License and CPR "health care provider" level certification
Registered Nursing	Successful completion of an IDPH Certified Nursing Assistant course (or in-progress)
Registered Nursing Adv. Placement Option 1	Current LPN license for the state of Illinois on file at KCC
Licensed Practical Nursing	Successful completion of an IDPH Certified Nursing Assistant course (or in-progress)
Respiratory Therapist Adv. Placement	Successful completion of a Certified Respiratory Therapist program.
Physical Therapist Assistant	One of the following: 20 hours of observation in at least 2 different settings (including 8 hours in an inpatient setting) or 200 hours of work experience in a physical therapy setting. Must submit KCC's Physical Therapy Observation/Volunteer or Work Verification form.

Grade Point Average

- If you have college credit at KCC, your grade point average (GPA) must be ≥ 2.5.
- If you are utilizing a cooperative agreement, your KCC and district community college GPAs will be averaged and must be ≥ 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- At any time, a GPA < 2.5 (for students described above) will disqualify an applicant.
- Unless noted above, your grade point average from any other college(s) is not taken into consideration.

Additional Program Notes

Before applying, review the list of essential physical capabilities and essential functions for each health career program (available online and in the Department of Student Services).

Once you complete one week of a 2016-17 program, you will not be eligible to enter a different program until 2017-18. You may only apply to one health career program per calendar year.

Note: you can apply to two of the following: LPN, RN, or RN advanced placement option.

HESI A2

KCC uses the HESI A2 exam to test knowledge from prerequisite courses and determines which students are best prepared to be successful in a health careers program. Eligible students who are not offered a seat will be alternates.

- A cumulative score of 70% or higher on HESI A2 is required to maintain eligibility.

- HESI A2 scores are valid for one year.

- HESI A2 must be completed at KCC.

- The test is available only via computer, which is the same as how health careers licensure exams are administered. The results are calculated by HESI. KCC faculty/staff will not recalculate your score

- The HESI A2 must be taken before the application deadline.

HESI A2 information

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- **Reading Comprehension.**
  55 test items. Recommended time: 60 minutes.
  Provides reading scenarios to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.

- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge.**
  55 test items. Recommended time: 50 minutes.
  Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English-speaking settings and in health care fields.

- **Grammar.**
  55 test items. Recommended time: 50 minutes.
  Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

MATH

- **55 test items. Recommended time: 50 minutes.**
  Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures and general math facts. No personal calculators allowed.

SCIENCE

- **Biology**
  30 test items. Recommended time: 25 minutes.
  Covers biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc.

- **Chemistry**
  30 test items. Recommended time: 25 minutes.
  Test items cover matter, chemical equations and reactions, the periodic table, atomic structure, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding, etc.

- **Anatomy and Physiology**
  30 test items. Recommended time: 25 minutes.
  Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

LEARNER PROFILE

- **Learning Style**
  14 test items Recommended time: 15 minutes.
  Assesses preferred learning style.

- **Personality Profile**
  15 items. Recommended time: 15 minutes.
  Assesses personality related to preferred learning style.

PROGRAM SELECTION

- The first phase of selection is highest to lowest A2 test scores.

- The second phase of selection is based on residency.

- The third phase (if necessary) are tie-breaks.

Tie-Breaking Rules

If a choice must be made among applicants with the same HESI A2 test scores, selection for admission will be based on:

Tie-break 1: Which applicant(s) has completed the greatest number of general education courses required for the appropriate program's degree.

(If a tie remains) **Tie-break 2:** Which applicant(s) has the highest comprehensive score in science on the HESI A2.

(If a tie remains) **Tie-break 3:** Which student has the highest comprehensive score in reading on the HESI A2.

OPTIONAL ACT COMPASS RETEST FOR ELIGIBILITY

One re-take of ACT Compass is allowed.

The retest must occur within 12 months of the first test.

Note: If you retest within four months of your initial ACT Compass test, the higher score from each section will be used for eligibility.

- Retests must be more than seven calendar days after the test was taken.

- A fee may be charged for retests.

- All retests must be taken at KCC unless special permission is granted by the coordinator of testing services.

To schedule a retest:

Phone 815-802-8500 and make an appointment with a health career advisor to discuss retest eligibility/ appropriateness.