At PHCC, we provide you with the career guidance, preparation, training, and the support that you need to find yourself in a career in health care.

Choosing the right career can be a difficult decision—

A career in health care requires:
• specialized, technical skills
• caring, but composed personality
• a science and health education
• clinical and clerical experience

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Health Care?

The health care industry is vast—595,800 establishments make up this ever-growing industry, each varying in size, staffing and organizational structure. Careers within the industry are also diverse. Many health care providers come in direct contact with patients routinely, while others work in specialized positions behind the scenes. As advances to procedures and changes to the system are implemented, continuing education is necessary.

Enjoy a fast-paced, continuously evolving environment? Then a career in health care may be right for you. Health care combines medical technology with the human touch. The health care system operates within a complex framework of providers and organizations. The proper diagnosis, treatment and recovery for patients require that health care team members perform specialized functions and collaborate effectively with one another. Most health care providers work closely with people and should have a warm, caring personality.

Health care providers’ educational backgrounds range from certificates to doctoral degrees; however, most positions require fewer than four years of education or training.
What you will find at PHCC

Pasco-Hernando Community College offers a variety of health care programs that range from short certificates programs to two-year degrees. PHCC, a regionally accredited institution, offers general education and science foundation courses needed for students who want to pursue advanced degrees in health care. Students can transfer these courses to a Florida state college or university.

Most health programs at PHCC incorporate classroom instruction with clinical coursework to provide the hands-on experience necessary to gain employment.

You will also find:

• higher education that begins at your skill level
• experienced, caring instructors and staff
• quality higher education at affordable rates
• personal attention
• flexible class schedules, close to home
• hands-on learning
Health

**Health** (hĕlth) n. 1. The overall condition of functioning of an organism at a particular time. 2. Optimal mental and physical soundness and well-being. 3. A desire for someone’s well-being, often expressed as a toast.

**Program Diagnostics**

**Objective**

To provide a quality education to future health care professionals. Our certificate and degree programs prepare individuals for one of the fastest growing career areas—health care. PHCC programs teach the necessary medical and technical skills while providing the highest quality patient care.

**Programs**

- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Health Unit Coordinator
- Human Services
- Human Service Assistant
- Medical Administrative Specialist
- Medical Coder/Biller
- Medical Record Transcribing
- Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Nursing, (RN) Generic
- Nursing, (RN) ADN Transition
- Transition from LPN or Paramedic
- Paramedic
- Phlebotomy
- Practical Nursing (PN)
- Radiography

**Prescription for Success**

The following opportunities are available at PHCC to make your educational experience as powerful, fulfilling and convenient as possible:

- highly qualified faculty
- state-of-the-art equipment
- latest curriculum offerings
- partnerships with local health care providers
- intimate learning environment
- related student organizations:
  - Dental Hygiene Organization
  - Health Occupations of America
  - Human Services Club
  - Lambda Nu—Radiography Honor Society
  - Nightingales
  - Radiography Club
  - Student Nurses in Action
Dental Assisting

Dentists rely on dental assistants for most dental procedures. Dental assistants prepare instruments for procedures, make casts of clients’ mouths, take X-rays and ready materials for dental restorations and other treatments. Keeping patients calm during routine or difficult procedures is an essential aspect of this profession.

Dentists need assistants who are reliable and demonstrate manual dexterity. Dental assistants must possess strong interpersonal skills and the ability to comfort patients.

PURPOSE: To prepare students for employment as dental assistants and dental auxiliaries. The program meets all competencies required by the Florida Department of Education for dental assistants. Graduates of this program may apply to take the Certified Dental Assistant Examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board. Graduates are eligible for employment as dental assistants with expanded functions and radiography skills.

ACCESS: This is a limited access program. In addition to being admitted to the College, students must meet additional admission requirements. To view these requirements, please visit: phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php. Applications will be accepted year-round. An additional application fee is required. Students are eligible to register for limited access health program courses only after being accepted to that program.

LENGTH: This is a 24 technical credit hour program that may be completed in two semesters.

LOCATION: Dental assisting courses are offered on the West Campus in New Port Richey.

FORMAT: This certificate program contains both academic and clinical components as part of the curriculum. Students must attend classes Monday through Friday during the day.
Dental hygiene programs are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education.

**PURPOSE:** To prepare students for employment as dental hygienists. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate receives an Associate in Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Students who wish to transfer any credits from this program to another institution must accept the responsibility for securing approval in advance from that institution.

**ACCESS:** This is a limited access program. In addition to being admitted to the College, students must meet additional admission requirements. To view these requirements, please visit: [phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php](http://phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php).

Applications will be accepted during the open application period. An additional application fee is required. Students are eligible to register for limited access health programs only after being accepted to that program.

**LENGTH:** This is an 88 credit hour, two-year program not including prerequisites.

**LOCATION:** Prerequisite courses can be taken on any PHCC Campus. Dental hygiene courses are offered on the West Campus in New Port Richey.

**FORMAT:** This AS degree program contains both academic and clinical components as part of the curriculum. Students must attend classes Monday through Friday during the day.
Emergency Medical Services

Associate in Science Degree

This degree provides paramedics and EMTs an opportunity to earn an Associate in Science degree. Emergency care professionals are entrusted with the enormous responsibility of responding quickly and appropriately to victims’ needs in all types of situations. EMS providers face critical and tragic situations routinely. Yet, most consider their work challenging and rewarding—especially when their efforts save lives.

**EMS providers must work well under pressure and enjoy helping others. Supervisory and management skills are a plus.**

**ACCREDITATION:** The EMS program is fully accredited by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and offers the most current and up-to-date curriculum. In addition, the paramedic program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professionals (CoAEMSP) in cooperation with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP).

**PURPOSE:** To prepare students to provide advanced pre-hospital emergency care as a paramedic. Instruction includes the knowledge and skills required to function under the direction of a physician, either directly or by written procedures. Students who wish to transfer any credits from this program to another institution must accept the responsibility for securing approval from that institution.

**ACCESS:** Freshman coursework is open access; however, sophomore year coursework is limited access with additional program requirements. For sophomore year requirements, visit: phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php. Then click on paramedic. Applications for program admission, along with a required application fee, will be accepted during the open application period. Students are eligible to register for limited access health program courses only after being accepted into that program.

**LENGTH:** This 73 credit hour program can be completed in approximately two years if students are attending classes on a full-time basis.

**LOCATION:** Core courses may be taken on any PHCC campus. Paramedic courses are offered on the West Campus in New Port Richey.

**FORMAT:** This AS degree program contains both academic and clinical components as part of the curriculum. College laboratory experience is provided for learning skills. A supervised clinical rotation enables trainees to gain confidence and expertise in order to implement the life-saving and supportive measures necessary at the emergency scene and during transportation to a medical facility.
Emergency Medical Technician

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) provide basic life support measures, as a member of an ambulance crew at the scene of an accident, during transport to the hospital or medical facility.

**EMTs must work well under pressure and enjoy helping others.**

**ACCREDITATION:** The EMT Program is fully accredited by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and offers the most current and up to date curriculum. In addition, the paramedic program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professionals (CoAEMSP) in cooperation with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP).

**PURPOSE:** To prepare students for employment as emergency medical technicians to function at the basic pre-hospital level and treat various medical/trauma conditions using appropriate equipment and materials. The program prepares students for certification as EMTs in accordance with Chapter 64E-2 of the Florida Administrative Code. The program is approved by the Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and the curriculum adheres to the U.S. Department of Transportation Emergency Medical Technician-Basic National Standard Curriculum. This is the initial level for a career in emergency medical services and the prerequisite for paramedic training and certification.

**ACCESS:** Entry is on a first-come, first-registered basis. Students are urged to register early due to the popularity of this program.

**LENGTH:** This 11 credit hour applied technology diploma can be received in one semester not including prerequisites.

**LOCATION:** This program is offered during the summer semester on the North Campus in Brooksville and the fall and spring semesters on the East Campus in Dade City and the West Campus in New Port Richey.

**FORMAT:** The program is offered in January, May and August, and contains both academic and clinical components as part of the curriculum.
Health Unit Coordinator

Technical Credit Certificate

Well-trained, health unit coordinators manage unit workflow efficiently. Their duties usually include admitting new patients and clients, transcribing physicians’ orders, compiling information from patient charts, scheduling patients for tests and appointments, performing record keeping and inventory duties, and coordinating staff schedules.

Employers seek out coordinators with a professional appearance and a friendly personality. Other favorable attributes include good communication, management, organizational and multitasking skills.

CERTIFICATION: Students who complete this program are eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) certification examination, which is administered at Pasco-Hernando Community College.

PURPOSE: To prepare students for employment as health unit coordinators, also known as ward clerks or unit secretaries. Topics in the program include: interpreting medical terminology; performing clerical duties; reading, interpreting and coordinating physicians’ orders; legal and ethical responsibilities; and performing supervised clinical duties. This program does not meet the minimum requirements for Federal Financial Aid, however, other forms of financial aid may be available.

ACCESS: This is an open access program.

LENGTH: This 16.67 technical credit hour program may be completed by full-time students in about one year.

LOCATION: This program can be completed on the West Campus in New Port Richey and the North Campus in Brooksville. Some courses toward this technical certificate can be completed on the East Campus in Dade City.

FORMAT: Courses and clinical components are part of the curriculum. The Health Unit Coordinator Clinical (WLC 0500) is the final course taken in the program and requires daily attendance.
Human Services

The human services field focuses on improving the lives of others. Under the supervision of social workers, psychologists, sociologists and other professionals, human service providers work to ease and prevent problems caused by poverty, inadequate housing, unemployment and illness. These professionals work with people in family settings, group settings and as individuals, primarily providing counseling and life skill lessons.

**Human service workers are caring professionals and sensitive to the needs of clients. They often serve as problem solvers and resource guides to other community services. Good candidates must be patient and empathetic. Confidentiality, a strong sense of responsibility and effective time management skills are important traits in this profession.**

**FORMAT:** Courses and clinical components are part of the program curriculum. Students will gain experience with local community agencies.

**ACCESS:** These are open access programs.

**LOCATION:** These programs can be completed on the East Campus in Dade City, the North Campus in Brooksville and the West Campus in New Port Richey. Some of the general education courses can be completed on the Spring Hill Campus.

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**Associate in Science Degree**

**PURPOSE:** To prepare students to be a generalist human service worker who will serve in a variety of positions in community, social and behavioral agencies. Articulation agreements provide students who complete this degree the option of transferring to St. Leo University to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services or a Bachelor of Social Work degree. Articulation agreements with other public and private universities and colleges are being developed. Students who are interested in transferring to these programs should consult an advisor or the Human Services Program Coordinator.

**LENGTH:** This 65 credit hour program can be completed in approximately two years if students are attending classes on a full-time basis.

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**College Credit Certificate**

**PURPOSE:** To offer students the first educational step to a professional career in human services. The program offers course work and field experience related to the introductory principles of human behavior specific to the practice and techniques in human services. Graduates may find employment as a human service assistant, social service aide, case management aide or geriatric aide. All courses in this certificate program transfer into the AS degree in human services at PHCC.

**LENGTH:** This 27 credit hour program can be completed in one year if students are attending classes on a full-time basis.
Medical Administrative Specialist

Medical administrative specialists perform clerical and office management duties. In addition to office skills, medical administrative specialists must possess knowledge and capabilities unique to the medical field. Understanding medical terminology helps administrative specialists communicate effectively with patients, medical suppliers and insurance agencies. Procedures for record keeping, filing and billing are different than other administrative fields. Medical administrative specialists often double as examining room assistants—checking patient vital signs, assisting physicians with exams and even assisting with minor medical procedures.

An effective medical administrative specialist is friendly and enjoys working with people. Strong organizational skills and the ability to multi-task are essential.

CERTIFICATION: Students who complete this program are eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) certification examination, which is administered at Pasco-Hernando Community College.

PURPOSE: To prepare students for employment as medical secretaries in medical facilities and as examining room assistants in physicians’ offices. This program includes instruction in both general office and medical record keeping skills and includes a clinical component.

ACCESS: This is an open access program.

LENGTH: This 35 technical credit hour program can be completed in approximately 18 months if students are attending classes on a full-time basis.

LOCATION: This program can be completed on the East Campus in Dade City, the North Campus in Brooksville and the West Campus in New Port Richey.

FORMAT: Courses and clinical components are part of the program curriculum.
Medical Coder/Biller

Coders are experts in medical billing systems, used by all insurance groups and government agencies to expedite medical billing and reimbursement. They assign codes to patient symptoms, diagnoses, operations and treatments to process reimbursement claims. In addition to documenting records, the coded information may be used by practitioners to help make diagnostic decisions.

**Skilled medical coders are organized, detail-oriented individuals who enjoy processing information and working with numbers.**

**CERTIFICATION:** Students who complete this program are eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) certification examination, which is administered at Pasco-Hernando Community College.

**PURPOSE:** To prepare students for entry level employment as coders, medical record coders, coding technicians, coding clerks or coder specialists. The program includes instruction in medical terminology, coding systems, fundamentals of disease, pharmacology, health care delivery systems, basics of medical records services, ethical and legal responsibilities, and employability skills.

**ACCESS:** This is an open access program.

**LENGTH:** This 33.33 technical credit hour applied technology diploma can be completed in approximately one year if students are attending classes on a full-time basis.

**LOCATION:** This program can be completed on the East Campus in Dade City, the North Campus in Brooksville and the West Campus in New Port Richey.

**FORMAT:** Courses and clinical components are part of the program curriculum.
Medical Record Transcribing

Applied Technology Diploma

Medical record transcriptionists prepare data and record patient information into permanent files. Skilled transcriptionists process patient records efficiently and accurately; understand medical language, office equipment and procedures; and communicate effectively.

Attention to detail, accuracy and the ability to maintain confidentiality of patients are important attributes of the skilled transcriptionist. Effective transcriptionists are organized, efficient and possess excellent communication skills.

CERTIFICATION: Students who complete this program are eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) certification examination, which is administered at Pasco-Hernando Community College.

PURPOSE: To prepare students for employment as medical record transcriptionists in hospitals, for private physicians and as independent contractors. The program includes instruction in advanced keyboarding skills, medical terminology, health care delivery systems, basics of medical records services, legal and ethical responsibilities, and employability and professional skills.

ACCESS: This is an open access program.

LENGTH: This 40 technical credit hour applied technology diploma can be completed in approximately 18 months if students are attending classes on a full-time basis.

LOCATION: This program can be completed on the East Campus in Dade City, the North Campus in Brooksville and the West Campus in New Port Richey.

FORMAT: Courses and clinical components are part of the program curriculum.
Nursing Assistant

Technical Credit Certificate

Nursing assistants perform routine tasks under the supervision of nursing and medical staff. They tend to patients’ needs; deliver messages; serve meals; and help patients to eat, dress and bathe. They also provide skin care to patients, monitor basic vital signs, set up equipment and observe patients’ physical, mental and emotional conditions.

A caring and empathetic personality is highly desirable in this field. Physical strength is also a great benefit as nursing assistants often help patients with limited mobility.

PURPOSE: To provide the knowledge and skills required to pass the written and skills portion of the State of Florida Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) exam and enter the workforce as a CNA in a health care facility. Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to take the state exam. This program does not meet the minimum requirements for Federal Financial Aid, however, other forms of financial aid may be available.

ACCESS: This is an open access program.

LENGTH: This is a four technical credit hour program. It can be completed in one semester or less.

LOCATION: This program can be completed on the East Campus in Dade City, North Campus in Brooksville and the West Campus in New Port Richey.

FORMAT: Courses and clinical components are part of the curriculum.
“PHCC allowed me to achieve my highest potential as an individual from the beginning; it encouraged me to never set my limits low and to aim for the sky in education while in a nurturing environment. At PHCC, diversity is not only welcome, but also explored, which gave me wings to express myself and my ideas without limits, in turn setting free my artistic self and my love for the sciences.”

Alumna:
Laura Filippone
Registered Nurse
ICU at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital
Tarpon Springs, FL
Nursing (RN) Generic Program

From maternity wards and emergency rooms to home health agencies and doctors' offices, registered nurses (RN) enjoy many options for employment, as well as flexible work schedules, competitive salaries, employer incentives and good benefits. Nurses provide care through assessment, the implementation of treatment plans and by monitoring patient progress.

**Effective nurses are organized, efficient, empathetic individuals who have a firm knowledge of health sciences and strong interpersonal skills. RNs often perform administrative duties and supervise LPNs and CNAs.**

**ACCREDITATION:** The nursing program (RN) is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education.

**PURPOSE:** To prepare individuals to provide direct nursing care to patients in hospitals and other comparable health agencies and to transfer to a Florida state college or university. Upon successful completion, the graduate receives an Associate in Science degree in nursing and is eligible to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses in accordance with the regulations set forth in the Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 464.008 and 464.018.

**ACCESS:** This is a limited access program. In addition to being admitted to the College, students must meet additional admission requirements. To view these requirements, please visit: [phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php](http://phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php). Applications will be accepted during the open application period. An additional application fee is required. Students are eligible to register for limited access health program courses only after being accepted to that program.

**LENGTH:** This 72 credit hour program can be completed in two years not including prerequisites.

**LOCATION:** Courses are offered on the East Campus in Dade City and West Campus in New Port Richey.

Clinical sites are located throughout Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Students are required to travel to any assigned clinical sites.

**FORMAT:** Courses and clinical components are part of the curriculum. This program is offered during the day.
Licensed practical nurses and paramedics qualify for this accelerated transition program.

From maternity wards and emergency rooms to home health agencies and doctors' offices, registered nurses (RN) enjoy many options for employment, as well as flexible work schedules, competitive salaries, employer incentives and good benefits. Nurses provide care through assessment, the implementation of treatment plans and by monitoring patient progress.

Effective nurses are organized, efficient, empathetic individuals who have a firm knowledge of health sciences and strong interpersonal skills. RNs often perform administrative duties and supervise LPNs and CNAs.

ACCREDITATION: The nursing program (RN) is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education.

PURPOSE: This program track is designed to allow an entry point into the Associate Degree in Nursing Program for the licensed practical nurse and paramedic. Upon successful completion of this program, the graduate receives an Associate in Science degree in nursing and is eligible to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses in accordance with the regulations set forth in the Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 464.018 and to transfer to a Florida state college or university.

After acceptance and enrollment into this program, LPN's will receive 17 advanced college credit semester hours based on practical nursing education and paramedics will receive 11 advanced college credit semester hours based on paramedic education, for the Associate in Science in Nursing (RN)—ADN Transition Program only.

ACCESS: This is a limited access program. In addition to being admitted to the College, students must meet additional admission requirements. To view these requirements, please visit: phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php. Applications will be accepted during the open application period. An additional application fee is required. Students are eligible to register for limited access health program courses only after being accepted to that program.

LENGTH: This 72 credit hour program can be completed in one year not including prerequisites.

LOCATION: Courses are offered on the North Campus in Brooksville and West Campus in New Port Richey.

Clinical sites are located throughout Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Students are required to travel to any assigned clinical sites.

FORMAT: Courses and clinical components are part of the curriculum. This program is offered during the day.
Paramedics are trained in advanced life support techniques, including endotracheal intubation, electrocardiogram monitoring and interpretation, DC electrical countershock and administration of intravenous fluids and medications.

**Paramedics must work well under pressure and enjoy helping others.**

**ACCREDITATION:** The paramedic program is fully accredited by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and offers the most current and up to date curriculum. In addition, the paramedic program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professionals (CoAEMSP) in cooperation with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP).

**PURPOSE:** To provide a theoretical base to understand and implement life-saving techniques in an emergency situation. Upon successful completion of the program and final comprehensive written and practical examinations, the graduate is eligible to apply to take the State of Florida Paramedic certification exam or the National Registry exam. A two-year Associate in Science degree in emergency medical services is also available.

**ACCESS:** This is a limited access program. In addition to being admitted to the College, students must meet additional admission requirements. To view these requirements, visit: [phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php](http://phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php). Applications will be accepted year-round. An additional application fee is required. Students are eligible to register for limited access health program courses only after being accepted to the program.

**LENGTH:** This 42 credit hour program can be completed in one year not including prerequisites.

**LOCATION:** This program is offered on the West Campus in New Port Richey.

**FORMAT:** Courses and clinical components are part of the curriculum. College laboratory experience is provided for learning skills. A supervised clinical rotation enables the trainee to gain confidence and expertise in order to implement the lifesaving and supportive measures necessary at the emergency scene and during transportation to a medical facility.
Phlebotomy

Phlebotomists collect appropriate and adequate blood samples for analysis at the request of physicians. Their expertise in the collection of blood samples ensures that accurate test results are achieved for a variety of diagnostic purposes. These skilled technicians follow rigorous safety precautions to prevent the spread of infectious diseases to themselves and others. Maintaining a clean and organized area, using appropriate instruments, following safety procedures and properly disposing of biohazardous materials are of utmost importance.

**Successful phlebotomists maintain strict confidentiality, project a clean professional appearance and enjoy working with people. To minimize patient discomfort, they should have a friendly and empathetic disposition.**

**CERTIFICATION:** Students who complete this program are eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) certification examination, which is administered at Pasco-Hernando Community College.

**PURPOSE:** To train students for employment as blood bank or plasma center donor screeners or as phlebotomists. Employment skills training is included. Availability of clinical sites may restrict entry into phlebotomy courses. This program does not meet the minimum requirements for federal financial aid, however, other forms of financial aid may be available.

**ACCESS:** This is an open access program.

**LENGTH:** This is a 5.5 technical credit hour program. Full-time students may complete the program in one semester.

**LOCATION:** This program can be completed on the East Campus in Dade City, the North Campus in Brooksville and the West Campus in New Port Richey.

**FORMAT:** Courses and clinical components are part of the curriculum.
Practical Nursing

Technical Credit Certificate

Practical nurses, or LPNs, perform a broad range of duties in diverse health care settings including caring for newborns, the aged, the home bound, or the mentally ill. Under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse, they prepare patients for examination, administer prescriptions, check patients’ vital signs and perform routine laboratory tests. They may handle clerical duties, although their key responsibility is the comfort and welfare of their patients.

**LPNs should possess an empathetic disposition and a willingness to help others. The most effective nurses are highly organized and efficient individuals with a strong knowledge of health sciences.**

**PURPOSE:** To prepare individuals to provide nursing care to clients in hospitals and other comparable health agencies. This program is approved by the Florida State Board of Nursing. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed course work, graduates are eligible to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses in accordance with regulations set forth in the Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 464.008 and 464.108. Graduates are also eligible to apply for admission to the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at the ADN-LPN entry point.

**ACCESS:** This is a limited access program. In addition to being admitted to the College, students must meet additional admission requirements. To view these requirements, please visit: [phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php](http://phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php). Applications will be accepted during the open application period. An additional application fee is required. Students are eligible to register for limited access health program courses only after being accepted to that program.

**LENGTH:** This 45 technical credit hour program can be completed in one year.

**LOCATION:** This technical certificate is offered on the North Campus in Brooksville and the West Campus in New Port Richey.

Clinical sites are located throughout Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Students are required to travel to any assigned clinical sites.

**FORMAT:** Courses and clinical components are part of the curriculum. This program is offered during the day in the fall semester on the North Campus in Brooksville and in the spring semester at West Campus in New Port Richey. It is also offered in the evenings/weekends in the fall semester on the West Campus. The evenings/weekends program requires students to attend classes Monday through Thursday from 3:00–10:00 p.m. Clinicals and classes are also held on alternate weekends during the day.
Radiography

Associate in Science Degree

Radiographers play an important role in the diagnosis of injury and disease. With X-ray technology, doctors can determine the condition of bones, body tissues and organs. Radiographers are trained to operate the equipment that makes these images possible. They determine the proper duration and exposure of X-rays to minimize harmful risks to patients. In addition, they are responsible for updating patient records and for recording equipment use and maintenance.

Effective radiographers possess strong interpersonal skills and must be empathic to patients who may be enduring pain, illness or other discomfort.

CERTIFICATION: Upon successful completion of all program requirements, the graduates will earn an AS degree in radiography and are eligible to apply to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) credentialing examination. Graduates will also be eligible to apply for a state license issued by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control.

PURPOSE: To prepare individuals for transfer to a Florida state college or university and for entering the workforce as a radiographer. The radiographer is a vital member of the health care team who provides quality patient care and assists in the diagnosis of disease and injury by using ionizing radiation. Most radiographers are employed by hospitals, diagnostic imaging centers and clinics.

ACCESS: This is a limited access program. In addition to being admitted to the College, students must meet additional admission requirements. To view these requirements, please visit: phcc.edu/admissions/limitedaccess.php. Applications will be accepted during the open application period. An additional application fee is required. Students are eligible to register for limited access health program courses only after being accepted to that program.

LENGTH: This AS degree program is a 77 credit hour, two-year program not including prerequisites.

LOCATION: This program is offered on the West Campus in New Port Richey.

Clinical sites are located throughout Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Students are required to travel to any assigned clinical sites.

FORMAT: This program begins each January and contains both academic and clinical components as part of the curriculum.
**Fast facts, figures and findings**

- Ten of the 20 fastest growing occupations are health care related.
- The health care field provided 14.3 million jobs for wage and salary workers in 2008 and will generate an additional 3.2 million new jobs between 2008 and 2018.
- Attributed in part to the growing elderly population, health care is among the largest and fastest growing industries in the nation.
- Most health care workers are employed in positions that require fewer than four years of college education with the exclusion of health diagnosing and treating practitioners, who must attain additional education and training.

*According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics*

### 2008 Occupation Salary & Wages Figures

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*Source: Florida state occupational employment and wage estimates provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.*
Steps to apply

Begin to find yourself at PHCC!

The Office of Admissions and Student Records can assist you with PHCC program offerings, requirements and admission. Applications to PHCC are available exclusively online. Please visit phcc.edu/admissions/process.php for complete application details.

**FIRST:**
- Apply for Admission

**THEN:**
- Submit Transcripts
- Apply for Federal Financial Aid/Veterans Benefits
- Complete College Placement Test (CPT) or Submit Placement Test Scores
- Attend Mandatory New Student Orientation
- Schedule Academic Advisement

**LAST:**
- Register for Classes
- Pay for Tuition/Fees
East Campus
36727 Blanton Road
Dade City, FL 33523-7599
352.567.6701

North Campus
11415 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34601-8698
352.796.6726

West Campus &
District Office
10230 Ridge Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654-5199
727.847.2727

Spring Hill Campus
450 Beverly Court
Spring Hill, FL 34606
352.688.8798

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