Health Science Continuing Education and Workforce Development

The Health Science Continuing Education program provides educational opportunities for health professionals who desire to increase their knowledge and skills based on a continuum. The program supports and assists in implementing the philosophy and purpose of the College through continuing education offerings for health care providers. Target groups include medical office personnel, dental assistants and hygienists, dietitians, registered and licensed practical nurses, medical assistants, medical laboratory personnel, nursing home administrators, radiographers, physical therapists and assistants, respiratory therapists, and psychological services licensees.

Health Science Continuing Education is an approved provider for the American Association of Medical Assistants**; American Dietetic Association, Board of Massage (DPR Provider MCE-129 Exp. 8/2009); Florida Certification Board, Inc. (Florida Department of Health Provider #143A) Exp. 12/2008; Clinical Laboratory Personnel (recognized by National Certifying for Clinical Lab Personnel) DPR #JP3 Exp. 8/2008; Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.; Florida Physical Therapy Association; Florida State Board of Dentistry Provider #P00020; Florida State Board of Nursing FBN #2163, Exp. 10/2008 - CE Broker #50-266; Nursing Home Administrators**; Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling (BAP#73, Exp. 3/2009); Department of Radiologic Technology HRS Provider #320006) (Category A); and Respiratory Care, Florida Board of Nursing-Certified Nursing Assistants.

**Contact the individual Professional Board for rules and guidelines.

Interprofessional collaboration in programming fosters interaction among health care practitioners in order to provide improved quality health care. We support the concept of learning as a continuous process of formal and informal educational learning experiences. Continuing education is supplemental to formal education and, therefore, most appropriate as short-term, non-credit offerings.

Offerings are available at all campus sites and various off campus facilities. Day, evening, and weekend classes provide opportunities for continuing education. The format for classes includes seminars, workshops, short and long-term courses and special educational programs. College credit courses, home study, audio and video offerings are also available. Contracted instructional services meet the needs of individual institutions, agencies, or groups.

Non-credit and credit courses are in the publication, Continuing Education for Health Professionals Schedule, which is published three times a year. Additional flyers announce individual offerings periodically. For information regarding these programs contact Continuing Education for Health Professionals at (954) 201-6768.

In addition to credit and non-credit courses the department offers Advanced Technical Certificates (ATC). The ATC has been identified as a program of instruction consisting of nine credit hours or more but less than 45 credit hours of college-level courses, which may be taken by students who have already received an Associate of Science degree and are seeking an advanced specialized program of study to supplement the associate degree.

The department offers Advanced Technical Certificates in the following areas.

- Basic Perioperative Nursing
- Coronary Care Nursing
- Critical Care Nursing
- Graduate Nurse Intern
• Home Health Nursing
• Multi-skilled Healthcare Professional
• Progressive Care Nursing
• Vascular Sonography

Basic Perioperative Nursing  (Major Code: 4265)
The Basic Perioperative Nursing courses are offered to licensed registered nurses who require additional course work to be employed in an operative/surgical unit. An Advanced Technical Certificate in Basic Perioperative Nursing will be awarded to students who complete the following courses with a grade of “C” or higher:

NUR 2293 Basic Perioperative Nursing 5 cr.
NUR 2293L Basic Perioperative Practicum 5 cr.

Coronary Care Nursing  (Major Code: 4263)
The Coronary Care Nursing course is offered to licensed registered nurses who require additional course work to be employed in a coronary care unit. An Advance Technical Certificate will be awarded to students who complete the following courses with a grade of “C” or higher.

NUR 2294 Coronary Care Nursing 9 cr.

Critical Care Nursing  (Major Code: 4262)
The Critical Care Nursing courses are offered to licensed registered nurses who require additional course work to be employed in a critical care specialty unit. An Advance Technical Certificate in Critical Care Nursing is awarded to students who complete a minimum of nine credit hours with a grade of “C” or higher in the following courses

NUR 2391 Care of the Critically Ill Newborn 4 cr.
NUR 2392 Critical Care of the Pediatric Client 5 cr.
NUR 2292 Introduction to Critical Care Nursing 8 cr.
NUR2292L Critical Care Lab 3 cr.
NUR2247L Critical Care Clinical Practicum 1 cr.
NUR 2274 Emergency Nursing 4 cr.
NUR 2274L Emergency Nursing Practicum 3 cr.
NUR2245L Emergency Nursing Clinical Practicum 1 cr.
NUR2297 Cardiac Nursing: Basic Arrhythmia 2 cr
NUR2297L Cardiac Nursing Clinical Lab 1 cr

Graduate Nurse Intern  (Major Code: 4261)
The Graduate Nurse Intern courses are offered to licensed registered/graduate nurses who require additional courses to meet a healthcare agency’s requirement for employment. An Advanced Technical Certificate will be awarded in Graduate Nurse Intern to students who complete a minimum of nine credit hours with a grade of “C” or higher in the following courses.

NUR 2946 Nurse Internship 1 cr.
NUR 2946L Nurse Internship Clinical Lab 6 cr.
And 2 or more credits of the following:

- CVT 1501 Basic Electrocardiography 2 cr.
- HUN 1202 Essential of Nutrition and Diet Therapy 3 cr.
- MLS 1525C Medical Lab. Tech III (Phlebotomy) 5 cr.
- NUR 2930 Comparative Health Care Systems 3 cr.
- SPC 1024 Intro to Speech Communications 3 cr.
  OR
- SPC 1600 Public Speaking 3 cr.

**Home Health Nursing**  (Major Code: 4264)
The Home Health Nursing courses are offered to licensed registered nurses who require additional courses to be employed with a home health nursing agency. An Advanced Technical Certificate, Home Health Nursing, will be awarded after a minimum of nine credit hours are completed in any combination of the following courses.

- NUR 1271 Foundations of Community Health 3 cr.
- NUR 1272 Community Health Care 3 cr.
- NUR 1273 Health Promotion & Prevention 3 cr.
- NUR 2062 Health Assessment of the Adult Client 5 cr.
- NUR 2275 Transition to Home Health Nursing 2 cr.
- NUR 2275L Transition to Home Health Nursing Cl 2 cr.

**Multi-Skilled Healthcare Professional**  (Major Code: 4260)
The Multi-Skilled Health Care Professional courses are offered to Associate in Science degree graduates who are licensed Healthcare professionals needing cross-training in other discipline areas. An Advanced Technical Certificate, Multi-Skilled Healthcare Professional, will be awarded after a minimum of nine credit hours are completed in any combination of the following.

- CVT 1501 Basic Electrocardiography 2 cr.
- HCP 1930 Fundamentals of Cardiac Catherization 3 cr.
- HAS 1100 Medical Admin./Hospital Business Op. 3 cr.
- MLS 1525C Med. Lab Tech III (Phlebotomy) 5 cr.
- NUR 2062 Health Assessment of the Adult Client 5 cr.
- NUR 2940C Respiratory Care Training for Nurses 12 cr.
  OR
- NUR 2941C Respiratory Nsg.: Oxygen 2 cr.
- NUR 2942C Respiratory Nsg.: Chest Therapy 2 cr.
- NUR 2943C Respiratory Nsg.: Treatments 1 cr.
- NUR 2944C Respiratory Nsg.: Protocols 2 cr.
Progressive Care Nursing (Major Code: 4282)
The purpose of this Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC) is to prepare Registered Nurses for employment in a Progressive Care unit (i.e. telemetry, Step-Down, Intermediate Care) at an acute care hospital.

NUR 2299 Progressive Care Nursing 6 cr.
NUR 2299L Progressive Care Nursing: Clinical Lab 2 cr.
NUR 2219 Nursing Simulation Practice 1 cr

* Requires a pre or co-requisite, successful passing of a challenge exam or instructor approval.

Vascular Sonography (Major Code: 4275)
The Vascular Sonography Courses are designed to prepare the registered Sonographer for the registry examination given by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) to become a Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT). An Advanced Technical Certificate: Vascular Sonography, will be awarded after nine credit hours are completed.

SON 2171 Vascular Sonography 3 cr.
SON 2175 Vascular Sonography II 3 cr.
SON 2176 Vascular Sonography III 3 cr.