

Kankakee Community College Policies & Information on Health Career Programs

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. For more information on specific program eligibility requirements, deadlines and HESI A2 testing information, please visit the Health Careers Website: kcc.edu/HCApply

Steps to Apply:

1. Complete record and academic eligibility requirements.
2. Contact a health career advisor to complete program application and get clearance to take the HESI A2.
3. Take the HESI A2 exam by the program deadline date.

RECORD AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Kankakee Community College application for admission

Applicant must be accepted to the college prior to acceptance in any health career program.

Official copy of high school transcript or GED test scores:

Transcripts/Scores must be received directly from the high school or GED testing institution by KCC’s Office of Admissions and Registration *if utilizing financial aid*. If you are not utilizing financial aid at KCC, you may be required to verify eligibility requirements with an unofficial transcript.

Official copies of college transcripts:

Official college transcripts must be received by KCC’s Office of Admissions and registration directly from all other colleges attended if you anticipate transferring relevant coursework to complete an eligibility requirement or degree requirement. Faxes are not considered official. Transcript evaluation request forms must also be completed to have previous coursework evaluated for credit.

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

Residency and Cooperative Agreements

Applicants who are legal residents of the Kankakee Community College District will be given preference for admission provided all admission criteria are met. Applicants will be required to show a driver’s license or State of Illinois ID as proof of residency as part of the application process, and students admitted to the program will be required to show proof of residency at the time of registration 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 KCC district
Utilizing Cooperative agreement issued by their home community college
International student with an f-1 visa and a U.S. sponsor living in the district
International student with a permanent resident card, residing in KCC district
KCC athletes on scholarship providing a lease to list address as in-district
Considered as an “out-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

Each Health Career program at KCC has unique and individual academic eligibility requirements that prepare a student to meet prerequisites required for their core and general education curriculum. To review individual program's eligibility requirements, please visit: www.kcc.edu.

It is the applicant's responsibility to complete their program's academic eligibility requirements and provide documentation prior to the testing deadline.

- A grade of C or better is required for all coursework.
- Unless noted, all placement/assessment tests must have been completed with the last 2 years.

In-progress coursework

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

Applicants enrolled at KCC must be registered for the course(s) and verified through Colleague that the course is in-progress and will be completed prior to the program start date.

If a student receives a grade of "D," "F," withdraws, or has an incomplete as the final outcome of the course that was allowed to be in-progress, eligibility for/acceptance to the that program will be automatically nullified.

GPA

Students with college credit at KCC, you must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students without a KCC GPA can also be accepted. Any student who has completed all general education requirements for a program but does not have a 2.5 GPA can submit a Health Careers Eligibility Appeal.

Applicants who reside outside of KCC's district who receive the same program entry considerations as in-district students must have the required GPA at the cooperative agreement granting institution. GPAs from four-year institutions are not considered in the application process.

A student who has previously completed any competitive entry program classes can exclude grades from those courses when applying for re-entry to that program or a new program (with approved appeal). This student should complete the KCC Grade Forgiveness Appeal once accepted into the new program.

Student GPA will be verified on the application deadline date. The minimum GPA of 2.5 must be maintained until that year's program begins or eligibility for/acceptance to that program is automatically nullified unless an exception has been approved through the Health Careers Appeal process.

HESI A2 entrance exam

Applicants are allowed two HESI A2 testing attempts per calendar year with the exception of Registered Nursing and Registered Nursing Advanced Placement applicants. Registered Nursing and Registered Nursing Advanced Placement applicants are allowed two attempts per application cycle (spring and fall semesters) due to the program admitting students twice per year.

Students may use Hesi scores from a previous application cycle if the test was taken 12 months or less from the application date. Applicants must decide at the time of application to use previous scores and indicate that intent on the application. If the applicant does not use previous scores, they will have 2 Hesi attempts during the application cycle. An applicant cannot revert to previous scores once a new Hesi attempt is taken.

The HESI A2 test is administered by computer, which is the same as how health career exams are administered. The results are calculated by HESI. KCC faculty/staff will not recalculate your score. HESI A2 must be completed at KCC and scores are valid for one year.

Program Selection

Applicants will be ranked for program acceptance based on HESI A2 test scores. The higher of the two attempts will be used for ranking. Eligible applicants who are not offered a seat will be alternates. Students will be notified of their status in writing.

If a choice must be made among several applicants with the same test score, selection for admission will be made on the basis of:

1. Completion of the greatest number of non-MEDT, -PMED, -PHTA, -PNUR, -RESP, -RNUR or -XRAY courses in the curriculum. If a tie still occurs, then
2. The highest comprehensive score(s) in the area of science on the HESI A2 Exam. If a tie still occurs, then
3. The highest comprehensive score(s) in the area of reading on the HESI A2 Exam.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Before applying, students should review the list of essential physical capabilities and essential functions should possess in order to successfully complete each health career program available online at kcc.edu.

The curriculum of record for those applying to, but not yet accepted into, competitive entry health careers programs is the Associate in General Studies.

Any student who accepted a seat and started a KCC Health Careers program and did not complete the program will be required to submit a Health Careers Eligibility Appeal or Application for Re-Entry to be considered for any future application cycles in other programs. Students can only enter KCC Health Career Programs twice without successful completion, whether that be the same program or different programs.

A student may only apply to one health career program per calendar year. However, Nursing students applying to the RN program may apply to two programs if they so choose/qualify: LPN, RN, or RN OPT I. Students applying to Registered Nursing and Practical nursing in a fall semester must indicate both programs on their program application. Applicants will first be considered for RN and if not accepted, will be ranked for PN.

An exception to any policy can only be excused by receiving approval through the Health Careers Eligibility Appeal. This form and process can be initiated by a health career advisor.

Clinical learning experiences are part of all Health Careers programs. Students must follow their clinical site's policies, which include COVID-19 vaccination.

KCC does not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or age in its programs or activities. Please direct inquiries to the Title IX coordinator, Section 504 coordinator or Affirmative Action Officer, 815-802-8510. Please visit www.kcc.edu/disclosures for more information.