

Health Science, Associate in Applied Science Degree # 3656 – 62 Credits Rev Fall 2025

The program can be completed at the Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, Gettysburg and York campuses and online with careful course selection.

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Students who are NOT actively credentialed health care professionals currently working in the field may be interested in the Health Care Management degree. Contact Melinda Eash, mmeash@hacc.edu, for healthcare management information or see an advisor.

**If you have specific questions about the Health Science program, contact:
Vicki Gentzel vlgentze@hacc.edu (717) 780-1992 or 800-222-4222 extension 211992**

The following credentials have been approved for 30 credits. If you have another credential, contact Vicki.

| Specialty | Credential |
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| Activities Director | Activities Director Certified (ADC) |
| Anesthesia Technologist | Anesthesia Technologist (Cer.A.T.T) |
| CVT | Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) |
| CVT | Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) |
| CVT | Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS) |
| Coding | Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) (CCS-P) - (American Health Information Management Assn - AHIMA) |
| Coding | Certified Professional Coder (CPC, COC, CIC, CRC, CPC-P) (American Academy of Professional Coders - AAPC) |
| Coding | Certified Billing & Coding Specialist (CBCS) National Healthcare Association |
| Dental | Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) |
| Dental | Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) |
| DMS | Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) |
| EEG | Registered Electroencephalographic Technologist (R.EEG.T) |
| Health Information Management | Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) |
| Laboratory | Clinical Lab Technician (CLA ASCP) |
| Laboratory | Histotechnician (HT ASCP) |
| Laboratory | Medical Lab Technician (MLT ASCP) |
| Massage | Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam (MBLEx) |
| Massage | National Certification in Therapeutic Massage (BCTMB) |
| Medical Assisting | Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA - National Healthcare Association) |
| Medical Assisting | Certified Medical Assistant (CMA/AAMA - Certifying Board of the American Assn of Medical Assistants) |
| Medical Assisting | Registered Medical Assistant (RMA - American Medical Technologists) |
| Medical Assisting | Registered Medical Assistant (RMA AAH - American Allied Health) |
| Nursing | Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) |
| Nursing | Registered Nurse (RN) |
| Ophthalmic | Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA) |
| Ophthalmic | Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT) |
| Ophthalmic | Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT) |
| Ophthalmic | Ophthalmic Scribe Certified (OSC) |
| Orthopaedics | Orthopaedic Technologist Certified(OTC) (NBCOT) |
| Orthopaedics | Orthopaedic Technologist – Surgery Certified (OTSC) (NBCOT) |
| Paramedic | Registered Paramedic (NRP or PA EMTP) |
| Physician Assistant | Certified Physician Assistant (PA-C) (NCCPA) |
| Polysomnography | Polysomnography Technologist (RPSGT) |
| Radiology | Registered Technologist (Radiography) (RT(R)) |
| Respiratory | Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) |
| Respiratory | Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) |
| Surgical | Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) |

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Transfer your Health Science degree seamlessly (articulation agreements exist) to Central Penn College, Eastern Mennonite University, Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences, Siena Heights University.

Concentrations/Options, select one:

- Management/Marketing
- Social Services
- *Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) - restricted to students who possess the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential*

| General Education | Credits | Management / Marketing Concentration | 12 cred | Social Services Concentration | 12 cred |
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| ENGL 101 | 3 | CIS 105 (required) | 3 | CIS 100 or 105 (required) | 3 |
| COMM 101 or 203 | 3 | + 9 cr from list below: | | + 9 cr from list below: | |
| Humanities/Arts elective (see below for list of courses)** | 3 | AH 213 | 3 | GERT 100 | 1 |
| | | MGMT 130 | 3 | GERT 101 | 1 |
| Social/Behavioral Science elective | 3 | MGMT 203 or 204 | 3 | GERT 102 | 1 |
| Wellness | 1 | MGMT 226 | 3 | GERT 103 | 1 |
| AH 210 Law & Ethics | 3 | MKTG 201 | 3 | HUMS 108 | 3 |
| Math 100 (or higher) | 3 | | | PSYC 101 | 3 |
| | | | | PSYC 213 | 3 |
| First Year Seminar (FYS) (awarded, not taken) | 1 | | | SOCI 201 | 3 |
| | | | | SOCI 205 | 3 |
| * Students are awarded 30 credits (+ FYS) for credential & current employment | 30 | | | Note – GERT classes only offered Fall & Spring | |
| | | Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) Concentration (Harrisburg) RESTRICTED ENTRY | 12 Cred | | |
| | | DA 252 | 3 | | |
| | | DA 253 | 3 | | |
| | | SOCI 201 | 3 | | |
| | | NUTR 104 | 3 | | |
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** Humanities/Arts Elective - Select one of the following: ART 181 or 182; ENGL 206; HUM 101, 115 or 201; MUS 104; PHIL 200 or a foreign language course. Highly recommend: SPAN 104

Complete program (Management/Marketing and Social Services options) offered available at all campuses and on-line.

EFDA is only in Harrisburg

* 30 credits (plus FYS) are awarded for credential and current employment in a health field. Employment verification and credentials must be verified.

How it works:

- Apply to HACC! Free application: [Admissions: Get Started](#) List Health Science as your major and select an option/concentration.
- Contact Vicki Gentzel, vgentze@hacc.edu, to start the process (after applying to the college).
- Credential will be verified online.
- Employment verification – provide a letter from your employer (HR or supervisor) verifying current employment. It must be signed and on letterhead. It should be emailed to Vicki Gentzel – vgentze@hacc.edu. If self-employed, signed and on your own letterhead stating self-employment.
- Paperwork processed for 30 (free) AH credits (and credit for First Year Seminar-FYS) to be used toward the Health Science degree.
 - 30 AH credits may or may not transfer to other schools. If you plan to continue for a bachelor's degree, contact school/s you plan to attend for guidance.

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