Health Professions, AAS
School of Health Professions

Program Description

The Health Professions AAS Degree is designed for students who are interested in a career in Nursing or Allied Health. Students will choose one of three tracks to fine-tune their studies. Completing the degree will give students a diploma in either Medical Assisting or Dental Assisting.

Admission Criteria for the Associate Degree Health Professions Program

Please see the admission criteria for Medical Assisting and Dental Assisting.

Final Admission Criteria

Students entering into specific courses in the School of Health Professions, such as phlebotomy, will be required to have a criminal background check, child abuse history, and drug screening at the student's expense.

The Program Director of each Health Profession Program gives the accepted student directions for setting up a password-secure Castle Branch Account.

Castle Branch is the background screening and compliance tracking company that provides Westmoreland County Community College Health Profession Programs with student background screening services.

Castle Branch background screening and compliance management includes:

- Background Checks (FBI Fingerprint Check, Criminal Background Check, and Child Abuse Clearances)
- Urine Drug Screen
- Immunization and Record Tracking
- Houses PPD (TB screening)
- CPR Training Documentation
- Liability Insurance (if applicable for program)
- Houses the results of the Required Health Physical.

Final admission is conditional pending receipt of a Urine Drug Screen and receipt and evaluation of a Criminal Background Check to determine if there is any conviction that may bar the applicant from entering the Health Profession Programs.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successfully completing this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective communication skills in writing, speaking, and listening.
- Demonstrate information processing through basic computer skills.
- Demonstrate problem-solving through interpreting, analyzing, summarizing, and/or integrating various materials.
- Apply Knowledge of the professional role in academic, personal, and public situations.
- Think creatively to develop new ideas, processes, or products.

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Track 3: Dental Professions

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<div align="center">Track 1: Nursing, Surgical Technology</div>

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1		
	2	ALH 122	Medical Terminology	3		
	3	BIO 171	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095 or Placement	
	4	PHB 101	Clinical Phlebotomy	4		
1st Spring	5	BIO 172	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 171 with a "C" grade or better	
	6	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 or Placement; Co: ENG 095 or ENG 099 or Placement	
	7	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3		
	8	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
	9	MTH Elec.	Restricted Math Elective	3-4	See List	
			Apply to the Medical Assisting Program			
2nd Fall	10	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	BIO 155 or BIO 171 and CHM 107, CHM 160/161, CHM 225 or high school chemistry (C or better), ENG 095 or Placement	
	11	OFT 110	Document Processing I	3	OFT 100 or Satisfactory Skills Test	
	12	MAS 100	Introduction to Medical Assisting	4		
	13	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	
2nd Spring	14	HCM 145	Medical Office Procedures	3		
	15	MAS 105	Administrative Procedures	3	MAS 100	
	16	MAS 110	Clinical Procedures	4	MAS 100	
	17	HCM 155	Introduction to Electronic Health Record	3		
2nd Summer	18	OFT 235	Customer Service	3		
	19	MAS 120	Practicum	3	MAS 105, MAS 110	

Minimum Program Credits   61-62   HPR

Math Electives (Consult with your Advisor for the best option)

Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Program
MTH 104	Introduction to Applied Mathematics	3	MTH 050 or Placement	Surgical Technology
MTH 157	College Algebra	3	MTH 100 (C or better) or Placement	Nursing
MTH 160	Introduction to Statistics	3	MTH 052 (C or better) or Placement	Nursing

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Track 2: Radiology

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1		
	2	ALH 122	Medical Terminology	3		
	3	PHY 110	Fundamentals of Physics	3	MTH 052 Placement	
	4	BIO 171	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095 or Placement	
	5	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3		
1st Spring	6	BIO 172	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 171 with a "C" grade or better	
	7	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 or Placement; Co: ENG 095 or ENG 099 or Placement	
	8	PHB 101	Clinical Phlebotomy	4		
	9	MTH 157	College Algebra	3	MTH 100 ("C" or better) or Placement	
Apply to the Medical Assisting Program						
2nd Fall	10	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
	11	OFT 110	Document Processing I	3	OFT 100 or Satisfactory Skills Test	
	12	MAS 100	Introduction to Medical Assisting	4		
	13	ENG 162	Technical Communication	3	ENG 161	
2nd Spring	14	HCM 145	Medical Office Procedures	3		
	15	MAS 105	Administrative Procedures	3	MAS 100	
	16	MAS 110	Clinical Procedures	4	MAS 100	
	17	HCM 155	Introduction to Electronic Health Record	3		
2nd Summer	18	OFT 235	Customer Service	3		
	19	MAS 120	Practicum	3	MAS 105, MAS 110	

Minimum Program Credits   60   HPR

Track 3: Dental Professions

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1		
	2	ALH 122	Medical Terminology	3		
	3	BIO 171	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095 or Placement	
	4	CHM 225	Chemistry for the Health Sciences	4	One year of high school chemistry (C or better), CHM 107 or CHM 150	
1st Spring	5	BIO 172	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 171 with a "C" grade or better	
	6	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 or Placement; Co: ENG 095 or ENG 099 or Placement	
	7	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3		
	8	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
	9	SOC 155	Principles of Sociology	3		
Apply to the Dental Assisting Program						
2nd Fall	10	BUS 120	Mathematics of Business	3	MTH 050 or Placement	
	11	DAS 100	Introduction to Dental Assisting	4	Co: DAS 101, DAS 102, DAS 103, DAS 105, BIO 107	
	12	DAS 101	Oral Anatomy	2	Co: DAS 100, DAS 102, DAS 103, DAS 105, BIO 107	
	13	DAS 102	Dental Materials for Dental Assistants	2	Co: DAS 100, DAS 101, DAS 103, DAS 105, BIO 107	
	14	DAS 103	Dental Assistant Lab	4	Co: DAS 100, DAS 101, DAS 102, DAS 105, BIO 107	
	15	DAS 105	Dental Radiology for Dental Assistants	3	Co: DAS 100, DAS 101, DAS 102, DAS 103, BIO 107	
2nd Spring	16	DAS 104	Dental Science	4	DAS 100, DAS 101, DAS 102, DAS 103, DAS 105, BIO 107; Co: DAS 106, ENG 161, PSY 160	
	17	DAS 106	Clinical Dental Assisting I	5	DAS 100, DAS 101, DAS 102, DAS 103, DAS 105, BIO 107; Co: DAS 104, ENG 161, PSY 160	
	18	SPC 156	Interpersonal Communication	3		
2nd Summer	19	DAS 108	Clinical Dental Assisting II	4	DAS 104, DAS 106, ENG 161, PSY 160; Co: DAS 109, SPC 156	
	20	DAS 109	Practice Management	2	DAS 104, DAS 106, ENG 161, PSY 160; Co: DAS 108, SPC 156	

Minimum Program Credits   64   HPR