

# PATHWAYS TO HEALTHCARE CAREERS







# Innovative training in healthcare gives our students the Edge.

Careers in healthcare are leading the way in new jobs and stable employment. Experts predict that employment of healthcare occupations will grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. This growth is due mainly to an aging population and a greater demand for healthcare services.

The Division of Health Sciences at Edgecombe Community College provides outstanding classroom, laboratory, and clinical education, and prepares students for licensure/certification eligibility and entry-level employment in their chosen healthcare career.

Teaching and learning takes place in the Lamm Building, which opened on the Rocky Mount campus in 2016. More than 1,200 students use this building annually. Training relies on patient simulation in a realistic healthcare environment, and students in various Health Sciences disciplines work as teams to resolve lifelike patient scenarios.

Beginning in high school, students can take courses that map to college-level programs in Health Sciences. A recent addition available to high school students is a pathway that specifies foundational courses for the associate degree in Nursing.



Once students complete high school and enroll at ECC, degree, diploma, and certificate opportunities in Health Sciences are available in:

### Biotechnology

Graduates work as laboratory technicians in various fields of biological and chemical technology. Offered through a collaborative program agreement with Pitt Community College.

5 semesters: 2 at Edgecombe, 3 at Pitt

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$51,000

### Computed Tomography (CT)

Registered radiologic technologists complete this training to learn how to use specialized imaging equipment.

20 weeks

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$61,500

### Dental Assisting

Dental assistants perform many tasks, ranging from providing patient care and taking x-rays to recordkeeping and scheduling appointments. Offered through a collaborative program with Martin Community College.

3 semesters: 1 at Edgecombe, 2 at Martin

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$41,700

### Dental Hygiene

Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for signs of oral diseases such as gingivitis, and provide other preventive dental care. Offered through a collaborative program with Halifax Community College.

5 semesters: 2 at Edgecombe, 3 at Halifax

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$69,500

### Health Information Technology

Medical records and health information technicians organize and manage health information data.

5 semesters

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$39,700

### Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Registered radiologic technologists complete this training to learn how to use magnetic energy fields to produce images of the human body.

1 semester

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$65,000

### Medical Assisting

Medical assistants complete administrative and clinical tasks in the offices of physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities.

5 semesters

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$32,710

### Medical Office Administration

Students learn administrative and support functions to work in medical and healthcare-related offices.

5 semesters

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$32,200

### Nursing

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.

5 semesters

RN average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$64,350

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) provide basic nursing care. They work under the direction of registered nurses and doctors.

3 semesters

LPN average salary in Eastern NC: \$44,600

### Ophthalmic Medical Personnel

Ophthalmic medical assistants perform tests on the eyes, such as eye measurements, and assist eye doctors.

4 semesters

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$36,030

### Radiography

Radiographers take x-rays to produce images of the human body.

5 semesters

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$58,060

### Respiratory Therapy

Respiratory therapists care for patients who have trouble breathing, for example, from a chronic respiratory disease, such as asthma or emphysema.

5 semesters

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$56,620

### Surgical Technology

Surgical technologists assist in surgical operations. They prepare operating rooms, arrange equipment, and help doctors during surgeries.

5 semesters

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$43,900

To learn more about Health Sciences programs, go to [edgecombe.edu/programs/health-sciences](http://edgecombe.edu/programs/health-sciences)

#### FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students who are interested in studying nursing can take high school courses that map to ECC's Associate in Arts degree with special emphasis on prerequisites needed for the Associate Degree in Nursing. At no cost to them, high school students can complete up to 12 courses through this pathway.



Training in healthcare fields also is available at ECC through Health Occupations programs. These are short-term programs that can be completed in several months.

### **Community Health Worker**

Community Health Workers help people develop a healthier lifestyle.

1 semester

Average hourly wage in Eastern NC: \$11 - \$15

### **Mammography**

Registered radiologic technologists complete this training to learn how to take x-rays of the breasts.

16 weeks, summer program

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$65,000

### **Medication Aide Training & Medication Aide Instructor Training**

Medication aides are nursing assistants who are trained to give medications to patients.

Medication Aide Training 24 hours

### **Nurse Aide I & Nurse Aide II**

Nursing assistants, also called nurse aides, help provide basic care for patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

Each 3 months

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$25,570

### **Phlebotomy**

Phlebotomists draw blood for tests, transfusions, or blood donations.

3 months + clinical

Average annual salary in Eastern NC: \$32,700

Source: State Occupational and wage estimates North Carolina bls.gov

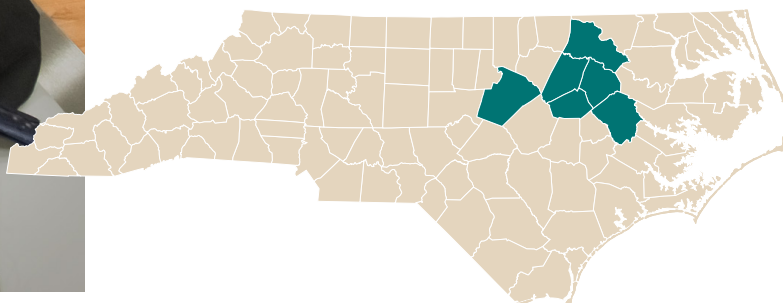
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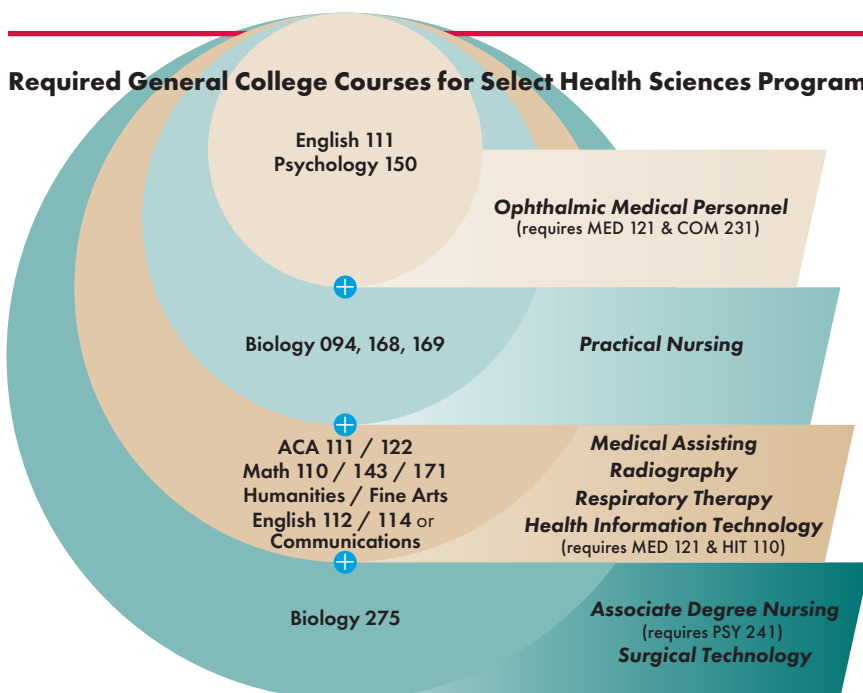
## **WHAT ARE "CLINICALS"?**

Clinical experience is an important component of education and training in Health Sciences programs. Clinicals are supervised interactions with patients in local healthcare facilities. Before seeing real patients, our students practice skills and tasks in simulation labs using manikins that function like live patients. This safe, risk-free environment enables students to build confidence and strengthen skills before they meet human patients.

ECC has clinical partnerships with multiple healthcare facilities, including hospitals, health departments, rehabilitation facilities, clinics, and physician offices. Instructors make every effort to pair students with clinicals near their homes. Clinicals may be offered in Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Pitt, Wake, or Wilson counties, highlighted on the map.



## Required General College Courses for Select Health Sciences Programs



Course completion or placement out of Biology 094 is required before attempting Biology 168

ACA 111 is required for Medical Assisting, Associate Degree Nursing, and Surgical Technology

ACA 122 and Math 152 are required for Associate Degree Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing pathway

### Required, minimum, TEAS Test cut scores for admission:

Associate Degree Nursing: **62**

Practical Nursing, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology: **58**

Ophthalmic Medical Personnel: **55**

Medical Assisting: **52**

## APPLYING TO HEALTH SCIENCES

Applicants are required to successfully complete the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills), which is designed to assess a student's preparedness to enter a health sciences field. TEAS testing is offered November through March on the Rocky Mount campus. To see a schedule, go to [edgecombe.edu/teas-testing](http://edgecombe.edu/teas-testing). The TEAS is not required for Health Information Technology.

Applicants also are required to attend a Health Sciences Information Session. Please go to [edgecombe.edu/programs/health-sciences/health-science-information-sessions](http://edgecombe.edu/programs/health-sciences/health-science-information-sessions) to learn more.

In addition, prospective students must complete two applications for admission, one for ECC and one for their Health Sciences program.

## TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

Tuition at Edgecombe Community College remains affordable year after year.

- \$88 per semester hour in tuition and fees
- \$1,000 per semester (12 credit hours) for NC students
- 73% of students receive federal financial aid

Financial aid is available through a combination of grants, scholarships, loans, and work. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Health Occupations class fees are based on the number of hours the class meets. A class that meets 1-24 hours costs \$70. A class that meets 25-50 hours costs \$125. A class that meets for more than 51 hours costs \$180.

Depending upon the availability of funding, students may qualify for financial assistance for these courses: Nurse Aide I, Nurse Aide II, Phlebotomy, and Community Health Worker.

## GET STARTED

Go to [edgecombe.edu](http://edgecombe.edu) and click on "Become a Student." To contact the Financial Aid Office, call (252) 618-6526 or email [FinancialAid@edgecombe.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@edgecombe.edu). The ECC Financial Aid Code is **008855**.

Any adult is eligible to attend Health Occupations classes. Go to [edgecombe.edu](http://edgecombe.edu) and click on "Continuing Education." Questions? Call (252) 823-5166 and press 3 for Continuing Education, or email [continuinged@edgecombe.edu](mailto:continuinged@edgecombe.edu).

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

**February 1**

Advanced Option for Current LPN to ADN

**March 1**

LPN and ADN programs

**March 15**

Medical Assisting, Ophthalmic Medical Personnel,  
Radiography, Respiratory Therapy,  
Surgical Technology



## VISIT US

Please contact our recruiter if you are interested in visiting either the Tarboro or Rocky Mount campus. You can take a tour of the campus and speak with Student Services, Financial Aid, or a faculty member in your program of interest.

### Tarboro Campus

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Get The Edge.**

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