



The Division of Health Sciences & Nursing Procedure for Competitive Admission Process

1. Program Ranking is performed using a program specific Excel spreadsheet with 60% of the ranking coming from competitive GPA and 40% from HESI A2 scores.
2. Required forms must be submitted to the Health Sciences Center to be reviewed by the Program Director by the published deadline date. (All forms are located on the CTC web site – <http://www.columbustech.edu>) Information will then be delivered to Admissions for competitive ranking.
3. Students who hold college degrees must compete in the same areas as students without previous degrees, including HESI exam.
4. Students applying for competitive admission are strongly encouraged to attend an information session.
5. All pre-requisite courses must be complete at the time of application deadline date.
6. Transfer credits – Student's official transcripts/grades from all institutions must be received by CTC's Admissions Office by the deadline date.
 - a. All accredited health sciences and nursing programs have state or national guidelines and standards that students must successfully meet to complete the program. However, the curriculum varies widely between each program. For example, some programs operate in the quarter system, while others utilize semesters. Furthermore, each programs' courses are structured differently and may be taught in a different order. Therefore, Columbus Technical College **will not** accept transfer credit from other accredited colleges and universities for previously completed nursing or health sciences programs' occupational courses. Additionally, no military credits and/or nursing experience while working in the military will be accepted.
7. Competitive ranking will be based on:
 - a. Designated course grades used for competitive ranking are indicated by an asterisk* on program sequence sheets on CTC web page. All pre-requisites must be completed at the time of program application with a grade of C or higher.
 - i. Students will be given one opportunity to improve their grade for all pre-requisite courses while enrolled at Columbus Technical College. The higher grade will be used for ranking.
* Financial Aid will only pay for two attempts with a passing grade.
 - ii. Science courses (BIOL 2113 & 2113L, 2114 & 2114L, 2117 & 2117L, CHEM 1211 & 1211L and PHYS 1110 & 1110L, ALHS 1011) used for competitive admission cannot be more than 7 years old or the course must be re-taken. Any science courses more than 7 years old will not be used for competitive ranking.
 - b. HESI A2 exam scores
 - i. Student must take the HESI A2 exam and score a minimum of **70** for degree programs and **60** for diploma programs to be considered for admission to a competitive program.
 - ii. Call 706-649-1822 (testing Center located in the Library Building) for times, dates and questions regarding testing.



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- iii. Test may be taken a total of two times per calendar year. The test results are only good for a two-year period.
- iv. The HESI A2 exam is required for all competitive programs.
- v. There are several preparation options for the HESI A2 exam, including free test prep via the Columbus Technical College virtual library on Mometrix or ***HESI Admission Assessment Exam and Review, 4th Edition*** ISBN 978-0-323-35377-6

1. Bonus Points (Beginning August 2025)

- 1. One (1) bonus point will be added to the final score for an applicant who graduated from one of the following Columbus Technical College's Health Sciences and Nursing programs (***Only one (1) point will be added for a listed program even if more than one program was completed.***):

- 1. Associate Degree Nursing (NU23 or NLB3)
- 2. Dental Assisting (DA12 or AD21)
- 3. Dental Hygiene (DH13)
- 4. Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS3)
- 5. EMS Professions (EP12)
- 6. Health Science, Associate of Science (AD23)
- 7. Medical Assisting (MA22)
- 8. Nurse Aide (CN21, NAA1, or NAF5)
- 9. Paramedicine (PAF2, PT12, or PT13)
- 10. Pharmacy Technology (PT22, PT23, or PA71)
- 11. Practical Nursing (PN12 or PN21)
- 12. Radiologic Technology (RT23)
- 13. Respiratory Care (RCT3)
- 14. Sports & Fitness Management (SAF3)
- 15. Surgical Technology (ST13)

- 2. One (1) bonus point will be added to the final scores for applicants who earn C" or better in ALHS 1040 – Introduction to Healthcare and/or ALHS 1090 – Medical Terminology.

The following exceptions prohibit the addition of such bonus points:

- 1. ALHS 1040 – Introduction to Healthcare
 - 1. Not applicable for ***Practical Nursing*** applicants
 - 2. Not applicable to ***Diagnostic Medical Sonography*** applicants unless using MATH 1127 (Statistics) as a prerequisite

2. ALHS 1090 – Medical Terminology

1. Not applicable for *Practical Nursing* applicant
2. Not applicable for *Radiologic Technology* or *Surgical Technology* applicants since it is a prerequisite for the programs

***APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE**

***Students may begin applying 2 weeks prior to deadline to**

Division of Health Sciences and Nursing at Robert L. Wright, Jr Health Sciences Center

Program	Deadline to turn application in to Health Sciences
Associate Degree Nursing	September 15th
Associate Degree Nursing	June 1st
Dental Assisting	February 15th
Dental Hygiene	June 1 st
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	September 15th
Practical Nursing	February 15th
Radiologic Technology	September 15th
Respiratory Care	September 15th
Surgical Technology	February 15th