

Howard College San Angelo

Health Professions

Healthcare is an exciting, dynamic field, filled with opportunity.
Howard College's Health Professions Division encompasses educational programs designed to prepare students for employment in the healthcare field.

Areas of Studies

Emergency Medical Services Medical Assistant
Radiologic Technology/CT Respiratory Care
Surgical Technology Nursing
Academic CNA

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Admission Requirements

Acceptance to a Health Professions program is based on the following admission requirements that must be completed by June 1 for applicants to be considered for the selection pool (with the exception of prerequisite classes).

Before submitting Application Packet (only complete applications will be considered):

- Complete the required prerequisites with a final grade of "C" or above. If enrolled in these courses in summer, applicant must furnish proof of enrollment. **All prerequisites must be completed by June 1 for Radiologic Technology students.**
- Applicant must attend a Howard College Health Professions Orientation.
- Applicant must provide proof of required immunizations.
- A background investigation must be completed through the Howard College approved vendor.
- An application for the desired program must be submitted to the Howard College Health Professions Division.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION
 - o The June 1 deadline does not apply to the Emergency Medical Services
- MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- NURSING PROGRAMS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
 - o Applicants must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam. These exams are administered by Howard College. A testing schedule will be posted on the Howard College website **www.howardcollege.edu** or with the Testing Coordinator at 481-8300.
 - o If applicable, Declaratory Order must be included with application.
 - o Active CNA License.

AAS (Associate of Applied Science) DEGREE PROGRAMS

Additional requirements include:

- o Passing TSI scores in Reading, Writing, and Math are required to gain entrance into academic courses. If needed, Howard College administers the TSI Assessment. A testing schedule will be posted on the Howard College website **www.howardcollege.edu** or with the Testing Coordinator at 481-8300, ext: 3244.
- RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY, RESPIRATORY CARE and ADN PROGRAMS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
 - Applicants must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam (scores must not be older than 5 years). **All prerequisites must be completed by June 1 for Radiologic Technology students.**
- SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
 - o Applicants must complete a Manual Dexterity Test prior to May 1st. These exams are administered by Carah Dunagan. Please email her at cdunagan@howardcollege.edu to set up an appointment.
- ADN GENERIC PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
 - o Active CNA License.
- ADN TRANSITION PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
 - o Active/Unencumbered LVN License

Following completion of the admission requirements by the June 1 deadline, the applicant will be considered for the selection pool for the desired Health Professions program. **An applicant's file is not complete until all of the admission requirements have been submitted.** Applicants are responsible for keeping their files updated with current address and phone number.

NOTE: As required by certain clinical facilities, the results of your background check, drug screening, and any other documents requested, may be released.

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Required Background Clearance

A background investigation must be completed prior to acceptance into a health program or course at Howard College. The Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO), which accredits healthcare facilities across the country, enforced background screening September 2004 and has set requirements mandating that students in a healthcare field must complete a background check like hospital employees. Competency extends beyond technical skills to an individual's criminal history. This approach ensures uniform compliance with these standards pertaining to human resource management. Moreover, the public is demanding greater diligence in light of the national reports of deaths resulting from medical errors. Successful completion of a background investigation does not guarantee licensure or employment after graduation.

All background investigations will be conducted prior to full acceptance to the respective Health Professions program. The results will be honored by all hospitals for the duration of the student's enrollment in the Health Professions program if the participating student has not had a break in enrollment at the college and if the student has had no disqualifying convictions while enrolled. A break in enrollment is defined as non-attendance of one full semester or more. Attendance must be verifiable through the college.

Students are responsible for the background investigation fee which will be completed by the Howard College approved vendor Certified Background. **The background clearance cannot be any older than 6 months from the date required. It must be completed between January 1 and May 1 of the year you are applying. Go to CastleBranch at <https://portal.castlebranch.com/HH80> and please be sure to select option HH88bg when completing your background check.**

The following searches are required for students attending facilities for clinical:

1. Criminal History record search (7 years or 5 criminal searches)
2. Social Security Number trace (residential history, state and date SSN issued)
3. Sex Offender Registry
4. OIG/GSA Sanction report
5. OFAC (terrorist list)
6. Texas State excluded list

Completion of a specific program will be affected by the student's ability to successfully complete the required clinical rotations. Clinical rotations are completed at sites specified by and contracted with Howard College. Howard College will not locate or provide alternative sites for clinical rotations for students ineligible to attend clinical rotations at the specified sites.

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Clinical Experience

Clinical experiences provide detailed education, training, and work-based experience in direct patient/client care at a clinical site. All clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences that are required for program completion. Students may not be substituted for staff personnel while performing clinical program requirements. Students and faculty provided by Howard College are not and will not be acting as servant agents or employees of a medical facility during program clinical rotations.

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Drug Screen Clearance

Once you have been accepted to a program, you will need to have a 10-panel drug screen that must include the following:

Amphetamines	Methamphetamines
Barbiturates	Benzodiazepines
Cocaine	Ecstasy
Methadone	Opiates
Phencyclidine	Marijuana

Do not complete the drug screening until you have been accepted into the program and have been notified by the Program Chair. The drug screening portion will need to be set up by CastleBranch. Once you go online and completed the form (option HH88dt), CastleBranch will then notify you by email when you are clear to complete the drug screening.

Anything that shows up may be cause for the specimen to be sent for further analysis at your expense. This could include physician prescribed drugs. Results of the second screening must also be sent to Rhonda Kernick and you will be in a pending status until this process is complete. Howard College has no control over this process or expense.

Be aware that this test is for the day it is analyzed and if there is due cause, you may be subject to another screening at your expense any time throughout the duration of the program. Failure to comply may result in withdrawal from any program. Those in 2-year programs may be required to repeat the screening prior to the beginning of the second year.

Instructions on the background check and drug screening are listed on the following page.



Howard College Portal

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 - HH88dt: Drug Test
 - Phlebotomy



Required Immunizations

All students applying to a Health Professions Program at Howard College are required to have the following immunizations and clearances prior to applying.

Hepatitis B	Positive titer.
Measles (MMR)	Two doses OR a positive titer.
Varicella	Two doses OR a positive titer.
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)	One dose required within the last 10 years

The following immunizations will be required AFTER acceptance into a health professions program and when prompted by the instructor:

Influenza	One dose required prior to clinical rotations.
Tuberculosis Clearance	Annually by PPD injection OR chest x-ray within the last three years with the approval of a physician. This is the only immunization that should be left until the summer, after the student has been accepted to a program.

If a student has no proof of any immunizations, it will take him/her 6 months to complete the above required immunizations.

If a student has documentation of childhood immunizations but has not completed the Hepatitis B series, it would take him/her 4-6 months to complete the required immunizations (depending on the clinic used).

It is the student's responsibility to obtain and provide proof of the required immunizations and clearances. Students must complete the Record of Required Immunizations form and submit with the Student Admission Packet. Howard College will not notify students of deadlines and schedules. Proof of the Hepatitis B titer, MMR, Tdap and Varicella must be provided by June 1 in order to be considered for admission into any Health Professions Program.

For EMT students, proof of required immunizations must be made before registration in any class will be permitted. Students should start the process early in order to meet the deadline requirements.

Students should retain a copy of their immunization health records for themselves.

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Howard College Health Professions
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

EMT * Medical Assistant * Radiologic Technology * Respiratory Care * Surgical Technology * Nursing *CNA

DO NOT COMPLETE FORM UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO A HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM

A physical examination must be performed and recorded in the office of the provider signing this assessment.

PLEASE PRINT

Student Name _____ Date _____

Technical Standard	CRITERIA: The following physical criteria are requisites for successful performance related to the practice of any program in Health Professions.	Meets Standard	
		Yes	No
Visual Acuity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> With or without corrective lenses, read materials used in the health care environment (Ex: patient records, policies, orders, labels, forms and computer screens) With or without corrective lenses, perform visual assessment of client or clinical environment (ex: color, position or instruments, etc.) 		
Auditory Ability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Able to hear the normal speaking voice with or without accommodations Able to hear recommended alarm volumes for monitoring and treatment machines used in the health care environment with or without accommodations 		
Physical Ability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Able to maneuver in limited space (EX: medical office, surgical field, patient care area) Able to stand, bend, reach, turn in a confined space as found in the patient care area. Able to push, pull, or lift a minimum of 50lbs. 		
Manual Dexterity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Able to adjust equipment used in care and diagnosis of all patients. 		
Immunity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Free of condition or disease process that significantly impairs immunity. 		
If problems are present, would they create a limitation in health care delivery? Please Explain:			

For any standard not met, the student will need to meet with the campus ADA coordinator

Health Care Provider Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Health Care Provider _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Provider License Number _____ State _____