

Howard College San Angelo

Health Professions

Healthcare is an exciting and 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 • Registered Medical Assistant
Radiologic Technology • Respiratory Care • Surgical Technology
Vocational Nursing • Associate Degree 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 5 for applicants to be considered for the selection pool (with the exception of prerequisite classes).

Before submitting Application (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 5 for Radiologic Technology students.**
- Applicant must have viewed the Howard College Health Professions Orientation Video.
- Applicant must provide proof of required immunizations after acceptance into a Program. (See below for specific requirements for Radiologic Technology.)
- 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 5 deadline does not apply to the Emergency Medical Services

MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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, ext. 3244.
- o If applicable, Declaratory Order must be included with application.
- o Proof of CNA License or class.

ADVANCED Technical Certificate in CT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- o Must be a Registered Technologist through ARRT, licensed as an MRT through the TMB, and CPR certified.

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 and immunizations must be completed by June 5 for Radiologic Technology students.**

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- o Applicants must complete a Manual Dexterity Test prior to June 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 Proof of CNA License or class.

ADN TRANSITION PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- o Active/Unencumbered LVN License

Following completion of the admission requirements by the June 5 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.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Required Background Clearance

A background investigation must be completed prior to acceptance into a health program 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. If the participating student has had a break in enrollment more than one semester, they will be required to complete another background check.

Students are responsible for the background investigation fee which will be completed by the Howard College approved vendor CastleBranch. **The background clearance cannot be any older than 6 months from the date required. It must be completed between April 1 and June 5 of the year you are applying for a program that starts in the Fall and between November 1 and January 1 for classes starting in the Spring. Background Check required with ADN Transition Application due to program not beginning during a regular semester.**

Go to CastleBranch at <https://portal.castlebranch.com/HH80>

Select **Place Order**

Click on **Please Select**

Click on **San Angelo**

Click on **Health Professions**

Click on **HH88bg: Background Check**

From this point on, you will fill out all the required information for CastleBranch to complete your background check.

After acceptance into a Program, all immunization records will also be uploaded to CastleBranch. Your Program Chair will be supplying the code for the Compliance Tracker to upload your immunizations.

After you have been accepted into a Program, the Instructor will request you to do the Drug Screening. You will go to same website as mentioned above and follow the same steps through Health Professions. Your instructor will provide the Drug Screen Compliance Tracker code for you. *It is important that you wait for the drug screening until your Instructor directs you to at the appropriate time during your program.*

HEALTH PROFESSIONS
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:

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| 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 and a code will be provided by your Instructor. Once you go online and complete the form, 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 Howard College Human Resources and you will be in a pending status until this process is complete. Howard College has no control over this process or expense.

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 will be required to repeat the screening prior to the beginning of the second year.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS
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.

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

HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Required Immunizations

All students applying to a Health Professions Program at Howard College are required to have the following immunizations:

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| Hepatitis B | Three dose series OR Two dose series Hepislab B OR a 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 |
| 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 UNLESS applying to the Radiologic Technology program; then see specific Radiologic Technology requirements. |

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. After acceptance into a Program, the student will be responsible for complying with the requirements through CastleBranch. Your Program Chair will be supplying a program specific code for the Immunization Compliance Tracker to upload your immunizations into CastleBranch.

Students will submit all immunizations and documentation to CastleBranch by August 1 for classes beginning in the Fall and by January 1 for classes beginning in the Spring.

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. **HOWARD COLLEGE WILL NOT MAKE COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER AGENCIES.**

Howard College Health Professions
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

EMT * Registered 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 | |
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| | | 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 _____