

# Health Sciences Division 2019 Program Application Requirements

Health Sciences Division: <https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/index.html>

How to Apply: <https://www.nvcc.edu/medical/divisions/allied/apply.html>

## General Health Sciences Application Requirements

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age prior to beginning clinicals
- Science courses (BIO, CHM, or PHY) must have been taken within the past ten years

**Valid only for 2019 application. Meeting the minimum application criteria does not guarantee acceptance.**

**Application periods open at 12:01am on the start date and close at 11:59pm on the end date.**

AAS Degree Programs & Admission Policy	Application Requirements	Cumulative Minimum GPA & Testing Requirements	Application Period & Program Start
<b>Dental Hygiene (DNH)</b> Competitive Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review an online information session</li> <li>• SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> </ul> <b>Grades B or better in one of the two following options:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIO 141 and BIO 142 plus BIO 150 (or BIO 205) OR NAS 161 and NAS 162 (only accepted through 2021)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.5</li> <li>• MATH Placement: MTH 154 or Math Unit 5</li> <li>• TEAS: Minimum score of 50 in English, Reading, Math and Science</li> </ul>	Apply: January 15 – February 15 Program starts in August
<b>Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS)</b> Competitive Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review an online information session</li> <li>• Attend a mandatory Prospective Student Workshop (see DMS website)</li> <li>• SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: B or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 and 142 (or NAS 161 and 162 for 2019 only) Grades: B or better</li> <li>• PHY 101 or higher Grade: B or better (or PHY 195 for 2019 only)</li> <li>• MTH 154 or MTH 151 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>• Vascular/echo only: also requires a previous Bachelor's degree in any field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.5</li> <li>• TEAS: Minimum score of 50 in English, Reading and Math</li> </ul>	Apply: May 1 – May 15 Program starts in August
<b>Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</b> First come/first-served	Please refer to the EMS program website or contact the EMS Department for the most up-to-date information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.0</li> <li>• ENG Placement: ENG 111 or higher</li> </ul>	Apply any time Program starts in January, May, and August
<b>Health Information Management (HIM)</b> First come/first-served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review an online information session</li> <li>• SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>• CST 229 Grade: C or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 (or NAS 161 for 2019 only) Grade: C or better</li> <li>• HIM 111 Grade: C or better</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.0</li> <li>• MATH Placement: MTH 154 or Math Unit 5</li> </ul>	Apply: January 1 – June 30 Program starts in August
<b>Medical Laboratory Technology (MDL)</b> Competitive Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review an online information session</li> <li>• SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 Grade: C or better</li> <li>• CHM 111 Grade: C or better</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.0</li> <li>• MATH Placement: MTH 161 or higher</li> <li>• TEAS: English, Reading and Math, no minimum score</li> </ul>	Apply: January 1 – June 1 Program starts in August
<b>Occupational Therapy Assistant (OCT)</b> Competitive Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend an in-person information session</li> <li>• SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 and 142 (or NAS 161 and 162 for 2019 only) Grades: C or better</li> <li>• HLT 141 Grade: C or better</li> <li>• Minimum of 16 hours clinic observation or work experience (see OTA website)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.5</li> <li>• MATH Placement: MTH 154 or Math Unit 5</li> </ul>	Apply: April 15 – May 15 Program starts in August
<b>Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)</b> Competitive Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend an in-person information session</li> <li>• BIO 141 and 142 (or NAS 150) Grades: B or better</li> <li>• HLT 141 Grade: B or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>• Clinic observation (see PTA website)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.5</li> <li>• MATH Placement: MTH 154 or Math Unit 5</li> <li>• TEAS: Minimum score of 50 in English and Reading, minimum score of 50 on Anatomy &amp; Physiology section of Science, combined score of 50% on English, Reading and Science sections</li> </ul>	Apply: March 15 – March 30 (First priority deadline) Apply: March 31 – May 15 (Second priority deadline) Apply May 16 – July 25 (Third priority deadline) Program starts in August
<b>Radiography (RAD)</b> Competitive Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review an online information session</li> <li>• SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: B or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 and 142 (or NAS 161 and 162 for 2019 only) Grades: B or better</li> <li>• RAD 105 Grade: B or better</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.5</li> <li>• MATH Placement: MTH 154 or Math Unit 5</li> <li>• TEAS: Minimum score of 50 in English, Reading and Math</li> </ul>	Apply: March 15 – April 15 Program starts in August
<b>Respiratory Therapy (RTH)</b> Competitive Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review an online information session</li> <li>• SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 and 142 (or NAS 161 and 162 through 2020 only) Grades: C or better</li> <li>• HLT 141 Grade: C or better</li> <li>• RTH 120 Grade: B or better</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA 2.5</li> <li>• MATH Placement: MTH 154 or Math Unit 5</li> </ul>	Apply: March 1 – May 15 (Priority deadline)  (Subject to space availability, late applications may be considered through August 17) Program starts in August

**Valid only for 2019 application. Meeting the minimum application criteria does not guarantee acceptance.**

Certificate Programs & Admission Policy	Application Requirements	Cumulative Minimum GPA & Testing Requirements	Application Period & Program Start
<b>Clinical Data Coding (CDC)</b>  First come/first-served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review an online information session</li> <li>To prepare for the CDC program Fall Core Curriculum, students should complete the following courses during the Spring or Summer sessions: HIM 110, HIM 111, and NAS 150</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPA 2.0</li> <li>ENG Placement: ENG 111 or higher</li> </ul>	Apply: January 1 – April 15  Program starts in August
<b>Dental Assisting (DNA)</b>  First come/first-served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review an online information session</li> <li>ENG 111 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>SDV 101 or equivalent Grade: B or better</li> <li>NAS 150 or BIO 141 and BIO 142 Grade: B or better</li> </ul>	MATH Placement: MTH 133 or Math Unit 3 or higher	Apply: March 1 – June 1  Program starts in August
<b>Medical Laboratory Assisting (MLA)</b>  First come/first-served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review an online information session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPA 2.0</li> <li>ENG Placement: ENG 111 or higher</li> </ul>	Apply: April 9 to May 9  Program starts in mid-summer
<b>Phlebotomy (PBT)</b>  First come/first-served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review an online information session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPA 2.0</li> <li>ENG Placement: ENG 111 or higher</li> </ul>	Apply: March 1 – March 10 Program starts in August  Apply: Sept 1 – Sept 10 Program starts in January

**Admission Policy for Limited Enrollment Programs**

Due to limited laboratory, classroom and/or clinical space, certain Health Sciences programs have restricted enrollment. As stated in the NOVA catalog, Health Sciences students are accepted on either a competitive or a first-come/first-served basis with priority given to: (1) legal residents domiciled in the cities and counties supporting the College, (2) other Virginia legal residents, (3) out-of-state applicants, and (4) international students requiring form I-20. Category 1 may include areas in which clinical affiliates have contractual agreements with NOVA or students from other VCCS service areas whose community college does not offer the specific program.

Residency and citizenship/visa status will be verified using the current information on file in the Student Information System (SIS). Level I and II domiciliary decisions and appeals are reviewed and determined by MEC Student Services. Applicants may be asked to provide additional information or documentation before acceptance to the program is considered.

**Criminal Background Check**

An annual criminal background check and drug screen will be required as clinical affiliates mandate this requirement in affiliation agreements. Unresolved issues presented in the criminal background checks or drug screens will prevent clinical placement resulting in the student’s failure to meet program objectives. In addition to felony convictions (including barrier crimes outlined in the Code of Virginia), students will also be screened for misdemeanor drug and alcohol convictions. An exception is made for a single alcohol related misdemeanor conviction more than seven years ago. *Code of Virginia* [www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/96/2016/07/Barrier-Crimes.pdf](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/96/2016/07/Barrier-Crimes.pdf)

**Potential applicants with criminal convictions or charges that have questions on how this may impact certification, licensure and/or employment in their desired field of study should refer to the appropriate accrediting/licensing agency for the specific program. Students must comply with all clinical requirements that may be mandated by a clinical affiliate. This may include additional background checks or drug screens.**

**Clinical Admission Requirements (not required for application)**

Additional requirements must be met by accepted students before beginning clinicals. These may include but are not limited to: an annual background check and drug screen, a physical with immunizations, meeting the required technical standards of the program, an annual flu shot, and American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare CPR certification ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)). Students accepted to their desired program will be advised on when and how to obtain these requirements.