CHART YOUR COURSE

MERCY COLLEGE
OF HEALTH SCIENCES
At Mercy College of Health Sciences, we prepare students for service and leadership in healthcare. Graduates from Mercy College enter the workforce quickly with the critical skills they need to make an immediate impact.

**MERCY COLLEGE STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED**

3,898 HOURS
DURING THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

**PREPARATION & EMPOWERMENT**

Guided by our original Catholic mission to serve, Mercy College of Health Sciences has been steadfast in our dedication to empower students through compassionate teaching since 1899. Faculty and staff use their own experiences as healthcare professionals to nurture and guide students as they put classroom theory into practice.

Due to the flexibility of courses being offered in the fall, spring, and summer, Mercy College students can accelerate the completion of their degree programs and enter the workforce quickly.

**OUR BODY OF WORK**

**CERTIFICATE**
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Paramedic
- Surgical Technology

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE**
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound)
- Emergency Medical Services
- Medical Assisting
- Paramedic
- Radiologic Technology
- Surgical Technology

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE**
- Healthcare Administration (Online)
- Health Sciences (Pre-Health Professions)
- Nursing:
  - BSN
  - Accelerated BSN
  - RN to BSN (Online)
  - Paramedic to BSN
- Public Health (Online)
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE CERTIFICATE

As an integral part of the healthcare team, medical laboratory scientists (MLS) perform, develop, evaluate, and ensure the accuracy of clinical laboratory testing. In addition, they direct and supervise laboratory resources and operations. Attention to detail and the ability to perform quick and accurate work are essential attributes in the MLS profession. Day-to-day responsibilities may include working with highly automated analyzers, manual laboratory procedures and equipment, and the validation, interpretation, and analysis of patient and quality control results.

Major start: Fall
Major capacity: 12
Median wage (2018): $52,330
Major length: 1 year (3 semesters)
Graduation rate: 100%
Certification pass rate: 94%

MEDICAL ASSISTING CERTIFICATE & ASSOCIATE

A medical assistant (MA) is a multi-skilled health professional specifically educated to perform administrative and clinical duties. As an MA, you will take medical histories and vital signs, explain treatment procedures to patients, prepare patient examinations, assist physicians, and much more. You will never encounter the same day twice with this career. Because the MA program immerses students in actual work settings, graduates are well-prepared when it’s time to enter the workforce.

Major start: Fall, spring, and summer
Major capacity: 12
Median wage (2018): $33,410
Major length:
- Certificate: 1 year (3 semesters)
- Associate: 1.5 years (5 semesters)
Certification first-time pass rate: 88% (2018 national average: 67%)

400 scholarship per semester!

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE & ASSOCIATE

A surgical technologist (ST) is educated in the art of surgical instrumentation, procedures, and practices. As an ST, you will become a vital member of the operating room team, assisting surgeons by providing instruments and supplies during procedures. You will learn to think and react quickly and effectively in any operating room situation. Mercy College students also learn to assist in surgeries that feature robotic equipment.

Major start: Fall
Major capacity: 20
Median wage (2018): $47,300
Major length:
- Certificate: 1 year (3 semesters)
- Associate: 1.5 years (5 semesters)
Graduation rate: 78%
Placement rate: 86%

PARABILIC & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATE & ASSOCIATE

The paramedic certificate program teaches the highest level of pre-hospital care needed to intervene in life-threatening emergencies. As a paramedic, you will provide care and compassion as you help patients through life-threatening situations on scene and en route to the hospital. As part of your patient’s emergency team, you will use cardiac monitoring, defibrillation, medication administration, and many other advanced medical procedures. Upon completion of this certificate, graduates are eligible to take the remaining credits to earn an Associate degree.

Major start: Fall
Major capacity: Unlimited
Median wage (2018): $34,320
Major length:
- Certificate: 1 year (3 semesters)
- Associate: 1.5 years (5 semesters)
Graduation rate: 92%
Placement rate: 100%

Are you a military medic? Earn 5 cr. towards your paramedic!

TIME TO MAKE A MAJOR COMMITMENT

Mercy College offers 13 academic programs to prepare its students for the fulfilling medical career of their choice. With our extensive suite of options, you have the power to choose your own path.
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE
Learn to provide treatment to improve and restore patient mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or lessen physical disabilities as a physical therapist assistant. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) at the end of this 20-month program.
Major start: Fall
Major capacity: 14
Median wage (2018): $48,090
Major length: 1.5 years (5 semesters)
Graduation rate: 89.5%
Licensure pass rate: 100%
Placement rate: 100%
Apply by June 30!

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE
As a radiologic technologist (radiographer), you will use sophisticated imaging equipment to obtain medical images of the body. These imaging examinations are used to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries with the help of physicians and other healthcare providers. This career path provides endless opportunities — you may work in a hospital, clinic, or private practice.
Major start: Summer
Major capacity: 15
Median wage (2018): $61,240
Major length: 2 years (6 semesters)
Graduation rate: 83%
Placement rate: 100%
Apply by June 30!

NURSING ASSOCIATE
The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree prepares students for an entry-level role as a registered nurse (RN). Our program is completed in six semesters, including nights and weekends. You can enroll two or three nights a week in classes and complete Saturday nursing clinical rotations. Our graduates are highly sought after to provide holistic nursing care for patients with diverse healthcare needs in settings such as hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities. At the completion of our ASN coursework, students are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs (NCLEX-RN).
Major start: Fall and spring
Major capacity: Unlimited
Median wage RN (2018): $71,730
Major length: 2 years (6 semesters)
Graduation rate: 81.4%
Placement rate: 88%
Are you an LPN? Skip the first semester of ASN coursework!

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (ULTRASOUND) ASSOCIATE
A sonographer is a healthcare provider who uses high frequency sound waves to obtain images of internal organs to assist the physician in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. Cardiac sonographers analyze the cardiovascular system by capturing images of the heart and various blood vessels. A general sonographer is involved in sonographic procedures of the abdomen, reproductive tract, and other superficial structures.
Major start: Fall
Major capacity: 13-15
Median wage (2018): $67,080
Major length: 1.5 years (5 semesters)
Graduation rate: 89%
Placement rate: 100%
Apply by January 1!

IN 2018–2019, $12.5 MILLION WAS AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS, GRANTS, AND WORK STUDY POSITIONS
Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree allows you to take nursing courses from semester one! This enables you to learn foundational content and how it applies to being a great nurse. This program prepares graduates to assume roles involving leadership, education, research, and community health using a concept-based approach that emphasizes nursing content in diverse clinical settings.

**Major start:** Fall and spring
**Major capacity:** Unlimited
**Median wage RN (2018):** $71,730
**Major length:** 2 years (6 semesters)

**Are you an LPN?**
**Receive four credits towards your BSN!**

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**ACCELERATED NURSING BACHELOR**

Earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree in just one year! Mercy College’s Accelerated BSN program is designed for students with a previous baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing major, or at least 68 hours of college credit. This program is one of the largest, fastest, and most affordable Accelerated BSN programs available.

**Major start:** Fall, spring, and summer
**Major capacity:** Unlimited
**Median wage RN (2018):** $71,730
**Major length:** 1 year (5 semesters)

= Accelerated = Drake BSHS = 1 year (5 semesters)

*Accelerated programs consist of four eight-week sessions and one 15-week session to be completed within one year.

**Complete for just $10,000!**

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**REVISED CURRICULUM**

**PARAMEDIC TO BSN BACHELOR**

The Paramedic to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) major provides a path to earning your BSN while recognizing the significant training and experience that certified paramedics receive. This is Iowa’s first and only program offering a path to a BSN degree specifically designed for paramedics. Your education and experience is valued through a seamless transfer of 11 paramedic certificate credits. The result is a well-rounded, BSN-prepared nurse entering the workforce in a shorter time helping to meet the current and projected nursing needs.

**Major start:** Fall and spring
**Major capacity:** Unlimited
**Median wage RN (2018):** $71,730
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**RN TO BSN BACHELOR**

Mercy College offers the opportunity to use your prior nursing education and professional experiences to earn advanced leadership roles. If you are a licensed registered nurse (RN) who has a diploma or associate degree, you may receive up to 39 credit hours toward your BSN. Additional liberal arts and science courses may also transfer. The RN to BSN is 100% online.

**Major start:** Fall, spring, and summer
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**INSPIRING LIFELONG CARETAKERS AND LEADERS WITH EXPERIENTIAL AND HOLISTIC TEACHING**
OVER $300,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ANNUALLY

150+ CLINICAL PARTNERS PROVIDE NUMEROUS HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION BACHELOR

This online degree provides endless options for a career path in healthcare. As a healthcare administrator, you’ll be prepared to work in an entry-level management or professional position. Use this degree to pursue graduate studies in business, healthcare administration, or public health. Most medical and health services managers work in administrative roles to support clinicians. Familiarity with budgeting, strategic planning, law, and healthcare ethics will give you the knowledge you need to direct healthcare operations in a variety of settings.

Major start: Fall, spring, and summer
Major capacity: Unlimited
Median wage (2018): $91,710
Major length: 1.5 years (4 semesters)
Graduation rate: 85%

HEALTH SCIENCES (PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS) BACHELOR

Our health sciences degree blends a strong foundation in laboratory science with a specialization in healthcare. Explore research and practicum opportunities in preparation for advanced degrees in areas such as occupational therapy, pharmacology, medicine, and dentistry.

Major start: Fall, spring, and summer
Major capacity: Unlimited
Major length:
• Track one, freshmen: 2.5 years (8 semesters)
• Track two, candidates with an Associate of Science degree: 1.5 years (5 semesters)
• Track three, students who also wish to obtain a medical laboratory science certificate: 1.5 years (4 semesters)
• Track four, students who also wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing: 1.5 years (4 semesters)

PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR

As a public health professional, you can create positive changes in the health of entire communities. Public health professionals and health educators address global and environmental concerns related to infectious disease, emergency preparedness, natural disasters, chronic diseases, injury and violence, and air and water quality issues that impact the health of every community. In addition to community health, fields like veterinary science, dentistry, and even social work all have a need for public health skills.

Major start: Fall, spring, and summer
Major capacity: Unlimited
Major length: 1.5 years (4 semesters)
Graduation rate: 100%
Placement rate: 100%

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FREE EDUCATION STARTS HERE

FINANCIAL AID

Our financial aid team strives to ensure Mercy College is affordable for everyone. In the 2018-2019 school year, $12.5 million was awarded in scholarships, loans, grants, and work study positions. The average student’s financial aid package totaled nearly $15,300.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, nearly $100,000 in scholarships are awarded. Scholarship applications are available in the fall and spring for students who satisfy a wide range of criteria, from single parenthood to outstanding academic achievement. In 2018-2019, the average scholarship awarded was $1,645.

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MercyOne’s new education assistance program provides up to $50,000 in loan forgiveness for Mercy College graduates. Students must graduate from a qualifying certificate, associate, or bachelor program and be hired at MercyOne upon graduation.

CHECKLIST TO QUALIFY

☐ Upon graduation, work in a position that has been determined as difficult to recruit by MercyOne Central Iowa Human Resources.

☐ Maintain at least part-time employment status with MercyOne Central Iowa.

☐ Show proof of graduation from Mercy College of Health Sciences

☐ Contact us to see if you qualify
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CORE REQUIREMENTS
ASSOCIATE DEGREE
29 credit hours (100 level+)
Natural science: 4 credits
Math or statistics: 3 credits
Social science: 3 credits
Communication: 7 credits
+ Communication: 6 credits
+ Speech: 1 credit
Humanities: 3 credits
Core elective: 6 credits
Servant leadership: 3 credits

BACHELOR DEGREE
41 credit hours
Natural science (with lab): 7 credits
Math or statistics: 6 credits
Social science: 6 credits
Communication: 7 credits
+ Communication: 6 credits
+ Speech: 1 credit
Humanities: 6 credits
+ Philosophy or religion: 3 credits
+ Humanities: 3 credits
Cultural appreciation and diversity (100 level+): 3 credits
Core elective: 3 credits
Servant leadership: 3 credits

PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER
At Mercy College, we embrace the different paths students take to get to our classrooms. We are committed to ensuring your success — regardless of where you are in life. We have transfer articulation agreements with many colleges and universities throughout the region and accept a generous number of transfer credits. Our experienced faculty, advisors, and admissions team make transferring to Mercy College easy and personal.

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APPLY FREE ONLINE
Complete an application online at MCHS.edu/apply. Here are some materials you might be asked to gather:

- Official high school transcript or GED/HiSet scores
- Official ACT/SAT score report
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities

GET STARTED TODAY!
Apply online at MCHS.edu/apply
WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Fill out and mail the attached postcard to receive major-specific information, tour day alerts, and Mercy College updates.