

Hello my name is Mitch Fischer, and I am the Dean of Health Sciences here at Southwestern. We have over 20 health science programs from which you can choose. Whether you want to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree, a diploma, or a certificate, we have options that will fit your needs. Let's look at some of the outstanding health science opportunities SCC has to offer.

You can work toward getting your associates degree or diploma in Emergency Medical Science. These dedicated professionals care for patients who are ill or injured and need care on their way to a medical facility.

Perhaps you like the idea of working in healthcare, but patient care is not your strength. Health Information Technology may be for you. You can choose between a certificate in Health informatics, a diploma in medical coding, or a degree in Health Information Technology.

If you like dealing with the public and working as an all-around professional, you may like Medical Assisting . This course trains students to be multi-skilled health care professionals who perform administrative, clinical, and laboratory procedures.

For those students that like the technical nature of healthcare, our Medical Laboratory Technology Program is one of the finest. The MLT curriculum prepares individuals to perform clinical laboratory procedures that may be used in the maintenance of health and the diagnosis or treatment of disease.

If you like working with highly technical equipment and working with the public, then our Medical Sonography or Respiratory Therapy programs may be just what you're looking for. The Medical

Sonography curriculum provides knowledge and clinical skills in the application of high frequency sound waves to image internal body structures. Our respiratory therapy program provides students the opportunity to work with highly technical mechanical ventilators as well as have opportunities for lots of patient interaction. The program prepares individuals to perform diagnostic testing, treatments, and management of patients with heart and lung diseases.

For those students who wish to be at the forefront of healthcare in this country, nursing may be for you. Our highly rated nursing program will provide you with the skills necessary to seek employment in a variety of healthcare settings as a registered nurse.

If your goal is to help others who are in need, our nursing assistant certificate program may be what you are looking for. This program will train you to care for patients who are elderly or weakened by illness.

If you like close patient contact and problem solving utilizing critical thinking skills, then look into our Physical Therapy Assistant program. Our PTA curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the supervision of physical therapists by helping to improve or restore function to the body.

Our radiography program prepares the graduate to be a radiographer, a skilled health care professional who uses radiation to produce images of the human body. If you want to be a vital link in helping diagnose patient's illness or injury, then you may want to pursue radiography.

Finally, if the idea of helping people relax and feel better by relieving muscle aches and strains appeals to you, then our therapeutic massage

program may be for you. You can achieve this goal in as little as two semesters.

Additionally, we have programs in Human Services Technology, Substance Abuse Training, and Outdoor Leadership.

As you can see, Southwestern Community College offers a wide variety of programs and opportunities in the health sciences. If you are interested in finding out more about any of our programs, contact the admissions office here at Southwestern, and they will start you on your journey to a new career.

Thank you.