

DIRECTIONS FOR INSTANT DECISION DAY

- Instant Decision Day is May 1st and will be held in the Media Center.
- You will receive a pass the day before with your reporting time.
- The guidance office will provide the college representative with your transcripts and SAT and/or ACT scores (if applicable.)
- If you need assistance, set up an appointment with your counselor. We're here to help. ☺
- If you wish to apply to any of the schools below, you must submit the following BY APRIL 29TH to your counselor or you will not be permitted to participate in Instant Decision Day:**

For ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE:

- Complete a paper application which can be printed out from www.essex.edu
- Turn in the completed application to your counselor by April 29th.
- Your application fee is waived.

For COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS:

- Complete and submit an on line application at www.ccm.edu by April 29th.
- Print out the completed application and turn it in to your counselor by April 29th.
- The application fee is \$30.00.
- Students in the United States on a *Visa or Permanent Residency Card* must bring the original document to their appointment for copying; undocumented students may not participate in this program but are welcome to apply in the traditional manner.

For BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

- Complete a paper application which can be printed out at www.bergen.edu
- Turn in the completed application to your counselor by April 29th.
- There is no application fee.
- NOTE: Certain majors require specific prerequisite criteria. Please see the following pages for Entrance Requirements to Health Professions at Bergen County College.

Entrance Requirements for Health Professions Programs

Admission to college programs in health professions is limited to a specific number of candidates each year because of requirements imposed by accrediting agencies and by the availability of faculty, college laboratory, and clinical agency resources. To insure that all applicants are evaluated in the same way, within each discipline, criteria for acceptance have been developed by the School of Health Professions and Student Services. These criteria will be utilized in determining the candidates who will be offered admission. Admission will have a step process: academic eligibility will be determined, as well as a criminal history background check, basic skills testing, and admissions examination for the Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nursing, Paramedic Science, Radiography, Respiratory Technology and Veterinary Technology programs.

All eligible candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nursing, Paramedic Science, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy and Veterinary Technology programs are required to take a national Nursing/Health Professions standardized admissions examination - The Admissions Assessment Examination by HESI. There is a fee that is payable directly to the examination company. The examination is given off-campus at a testing center. All eligible Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Sonography, Radiography, Nursing, Paramedic Science, Respiratory Therapy, and Veterinary Technology candidates with a clear background report will receive an invitation to take the examination. The invitation will outline all information related to the examination.

If students have not taken the necessary high school prerequisites, the courses can be made up by substituting courses taken at Bergen. These courses must be taken before students apply to any Health Professions program. **Science prerequisites must have been completed within the last five years. Applicable college science courses taken more than five years ago are not transferable.**

All students applying to health professions programs must take the basic skills test and successfully complete all remedial course-work prior to application. High school students applying to Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Sonography, Nursing, Paramedic Science, Radiography,

Respiratory Therapy and Veterinary Technology programs must sit for the basic skills test prior to the application deadline.

A successful candidate for a health professions program at Bergen Community College must possess certain abilities and skills necessary to provide and maintain safe and effective care administered to the patient. The candidate must be able to function on an independent level without any intermediary. These skills and abilities include: observation, communication, motor skills, cognitive and intellectual skills, behavioral, and social attributes.

Health Professions students must carry personal medical health insurance, professional liability insurance, and be certified in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by the American Heart Association (Healthcare Provider with AED) or the American Red Cross (Professional Rescue Certification). In addition, all health professions students are required to complete health examination forms upon admission to the program and fulfill the requirement for a yearly Mantoux skin test for tuberculosis.

Students seeking admission to Nursing (Day), Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Paramedic Science, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy and Surgical Technology must submit completed applications including transcripts by February 1 for fall (September) admission. Nursing (Evening) and Veterinary Technology applications are due by October 1, for spring (January) admission.

Criminal History Background Check Requirement

Clinical agencies mandate criminal history background checks for all individuals engaged in patient care, and all students must undergo criminal history background checks before admission may be offered.

These checks are conducted by an external company, and the information is sent to the Dean of Health Professions. All background reports must be clear to be eligible for admission and to be invited to take any Admissions Examination. Any applicant with a background report that is NOT clear will not be eligible for consideration.

Minimum Entrance Requirements for Health Professions

Degree Programs

Dental Hygiene Program AAS.HP.DENTL

Program length: 24 months

Preadmission Test: Dental Hygiene Admissions Exam

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

High School prerequisite courses: Chemistry with lab; Biology with lab and Algebra

College substitutions: BIO109; MAT040; CHM100.

Application Deadline: February 1

Program Admits: Fall semester

Note: High school Biology is waived if college Biology, preferably BIO109 is successfully completed.
Preadmission Test: Dental Hygiene Admissions Exam

Diagnostic Medical Sonography AAS.HP.DMS

Program length: 24 months

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

Preadmission Test: Diagnostic Sonog Admissions Exam

High School Prerequisites: HS students are required to have taken advanced placement Biological Science (AP test documentation required); HS advanced placement Physics (AP test documentation required), and high school Algebra.

College substitutions: BIO109 Anatomy & Physiology I; PHY185 Intro to Physics; MAT040 Algebra.

Application Deadline: February 1

Program Admits: Fall semester

Note: This is a regional program that utilizes clinical education centers throughout the state of NJ. Students might be required to travel to distant sites and provide their own transportation.

Medical Office Assistant Program AAS.HP.MOA

Program length: 24 months

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.00

High School prerequisite courses: None

Application Deadline: No deadline date for admission.

Program Admits: Fall/Spring semester.

Nursing Day AAS.NURS.DAY

Program Length: 2 academic years

Preadmission Test: Nursing Program Admission Exam

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

High School prerequisite courses: Chemistry and Biology with Lab and Algebra.

College substitutions: CHM100; BIO109; MAT040.

Application Deadline: February 1 for Fall admission

Program Admits: Fall semester.

Nursing Evening Program AAS.NURS.EVE

Program Length: 2 academic years

Preadmission Test: Nursing Program Admission Exam

GPA Requirement: 2.50

High School prerequisite courses: Chemistry w/Lab

College substitutions: CHM100

College prerequisite courses: BIO109 and BIO209;

WRT101 and WRT201; PSY101 and PSY106; SOC101

Application Deadline: October 1 for Spring admission

Program Admits: Spring semester

Paramedic Science Program AAS.HP.PAR

Program length: 24 months

Preadmission: HESI Exam, Program Admissions Exam and EMT skills screening, Active NJ EMT License

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

Prerequisite courses: BIO109, BIO209, MAT100 elective, PSY101, PSY201, SOC101, WRT101, WRT201 or WRT202.

Application Deadline: February 1

Program Admits: Fall semester

Note: This regional program utilizes clinical education sites throughout the state of New Jersey. Students will be required to travel to distant sites and provide their own transportation.

Radiography Program AAS.HP.RAD

Program length: 24 months

Preadmission Test: Radiography Admissions Exam

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

High School prerequisite courses: 1 year science (College Placement Biology and Lab); 1 year Algebra II

College substitutions: BIO109; MAT040.

Application Deadline: February 1

Program Admits: Fall semester

Note: High school Biology is waived if college Biology, preferably BIO109, is successfully completed.

Respiratory Care AAS.HP.RESP

Program length: 24 months

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.00

Pre-admission Test: Respiratory Care Admission Exam

High School prerequisite courses: Chemistry with lab; Biology with lab; Algebra

College substitutions: BIO109; CHM100; MAT040.

Application Deadline: February 1

Program Admits: Fall semester

Note: High school Biology is waived if college Biology, preferably BIO109 is successfully completed.

Veterinary Technology AAS.HP.VET

Program length: 24 months

Pre-admission Test: Veterinary Tech Admissions Exam

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.00

Prerequisites: VET115; VET102; VET103; CHM112; WRT101; MAT040.

Application Deadline: October 1

Program Admits: Spring semester.

Note: Applicants will only be accepted once the prerequisites stated above have been successfully completed. Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with a program official regarding application procedures. Travel is required for all students enrolled in this program.

PLEASE NOTE: *High School students applying to Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Radiography, Paramedic Science, Respiratory Care, Nursing Day and Veterinary Technology programs must sit for the basic skills test before the application deadline. Science prerequisite courses must have been completed within the last five years.*

Health Science Program AAS.HP.HLTH.SCI

Degree: Associate in Applied Science

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

Program Admits: Fall and Spring Semester

Note: Qualified students will be awarded 30 transfer credits.

The credits will be applied to the degree in Health Science upon the completion of the curriculum. It is essential to understand that this program does not entitle the graduate eligibility to advanced certification or licensure within the Health Professions discipline.

Students who enter into this program must be aware of the Bergen Community College policy on the number of credits that must be taken at the college. Students enrolled in the AAS degree in Health Sciences must satisfy the English, Mathematics and Algebra basic skills requirements.

Applicant graduated from a program that has acceptable accreditation agencies that is comparable to our Health Professions disciplines. Transcripts and credentials will be evaluated by an appointed admissions committee.

Certificate Programs**Surgical Technology Program CERT.SURG**

Program length: 12 months

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.00

Prerequisites: High school graduate, or GED

Application Deadline: February 1

Program Admits: Fall semester only.

High School students applying to the Certificate Surgical Technology Program must sit for the Basic Skills Test before the application deadline.

Medical Office Administrative Program CERT.MOAA

Prerequisite: High school graduate or GED.

Application Deadline: No deadline date for admission.

Program Admits: Fall/Spring semester.

Radiation Therapy Technology Program

CERT.RAD.THERAPY

Program length: 12 months

GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

An applicant must be a Registered or registry-eligible Radiologic Technologist possessing an Associate Degree or higher from an accredited college. Prerequisite courses: Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIO109 and BIO209); MAT160 Intermediate Algebra; MAT180 Precalculus; PHY185 General Physics.

In addition to the above-stated requirements, candidates cannot be accepted into the program until at least one of the following three courses have been completed: WRT201, COM100.

Two of these general education courses may be taken concurrently with the program. Successful completion of all three courses is required by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

Note: Students who are interested in the program should make an appointment to meet with the Program Coordinator regarding admissions.