

Dear Student,

We know you have worked extremely hard for months and even years with hopes of being accepted into your program of choice, and you may feel devastated. You may be confused, annoyed, or dejected. Give yourself time to sit with all the emotions that come with disappointment. Then when you're ready, let's come up with plan B.

Did you know that several of the prerequisites you have already taken are also required for other Health Care Programs? You do not have to start back at zero! In many cases SDV 100, ENG 111 and 112, BIO 145/BIO 141 and 142, PSY 230 and HLT 141 are requirements for other programs.

We have collected the following information to help you easily compare the various Health Care certificates and associate degrees PVCC offers. We appreciate and admire your dedication to working in the healthcare field and hope you consider these other paths.

Please know we are here to support you. If you are overwhelmed or struggling, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,  
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# Additional Health Care Programs

## Medical Administrative Support Assistant

16 credit hours  
Certificate

2021 Median Income:  
\$39,740

- MASA's can work as a medical secretary on the floor of an acute care hospital, admissions and patient registration, receptionist, customer service representative, front office staff, office assistant and more.
  - [PVCC MASA](#)
  - [MASA Certificate Requirements](#)
  - [BLS - MASA](#)
- Registration for any course in the program would follow the college registration deadlines.

<p><b>Pharmacy Tech</b></p> <p>20 credit hours Certificate</p> <p>2021 Median Income: \$36,740</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pharmacy technicians are individuals who help licensed pharmacists dispense prescription medication to customers or health professionals, measuring amounts of medication for prescriptions, packaging and labeling prescriptions, accepting payment and providing information to patients.</li> <li>➤ Applications will close on August 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM or when all seats have been filled.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC Pharm Tech</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Pharm Tech - Admission Information Book</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Pharm Tech Certificate Requirements</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC YouTube - Pharmacy Tech</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">BLS - Pharm Tech income and more</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Information Management</b></p> <p>32 credit hours Certificate</p> <p>2021 Median Income: \$46,660</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This certificate is designed to provide students with knowledge and skills necessary to obtain entry-level employment in a medical office setting such as basic medical coding, patient scheduling, health records maintenance, billing, and reimbursement.</li> <li>➤ Registration for any course in the program would follow the college registration deadlines.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC HIM</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">HIM Certificate Requirements</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">7 Jobs in the HIM Field</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">BLS - HIM income and more (Ex. Medical Records Specialist)</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Practical Nursing</b></p> <p>37 credit hours Certificate</p> <p>2021 Median Income: \$48,070</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Entry-level licensed practical nurses work under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician in structured settings, providing direct care to clients with common health problems that have predictable outcomes.</li> <li>➤ Application closes October 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC PN</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">PN - Admission Information Book (Spring 2023 cohort)</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">PN Certificate Requirements</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">BLS - PN income and more</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>Surgical Technology</b></p> <p>65 credit hours Assoc. Degree</p> <p><b>2021 Median Income: \$48,510</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As members of the surgical team, surgical technologists participate in the promotion of optimal health for persons of all ages with acute or chronic surgical needs.</li> <li>➤ Applications close May 1, 2023 at 05:00 PM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC SURG TECH</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">SURG TECH - Admission Information Book</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">SURG TECH Degree Requirements</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC YouTube - Surgical Technology</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">BLS - Surg Tech income and more</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>EMS - Paramedic</b></p> <p>67 credit hours Assoc. Degree</p> <p><b>2021 Median Income: \$36,930</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This degree prepares you to offer pre-hospital care as a paramedic under structured guidelines in emergency situations.</li> <li>➤ Applications close July 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC EMS</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">EMS - Admission Information Book</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">EMS Degree Requirements</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">BLS - EMS income and more</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Diagnostic Medical Sonography</b></p> <p>72 credit hours Assoc. Degree</p> <p><b>2021 Median Income: \$75,380</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Diagnostic Medical Sonographer is an individual who provides patient care services using ultrasound and related diagnostic procedures.</li> <li>➤ Applications close June 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC DMS</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">DMS - Admission Information Book</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">DMS Degree Requirements</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC YouTube - DMS</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">BLS - DMS income and more</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Medical Laboratory Technology</b></p> <p>72 credit hours Assoc. Degree</p> <p><b>2021 Median Income: \$57,800</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In a medical laboratory, the medical laboratory technician (MLT) is part of a team of highly skilled pathologists, technologists, and phlebotomists working together to determine the presence, extent or absence of disease, and helping to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment.</li> <li>➤ Application closes November 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">PVCC MLT</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">MLT - Admission Information Book</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">MLT Degree Requirements</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">BLS - MLT income and more</a></li> </ul>

## Radiography

72 credit hours  
Assoc. Degree

2021 Median Income:  
\$61,980

- Entry-level radiologic technologists use diagnostic imaging equipment to produce x-rays of the tissue, organs, bones and vessels of the body.
- Applications close June 1, 2023 at 05:00 PM.

- [PVCC Radiography](#)
- [RAD - Admission Information Book](#)
- [RAD Degree Requirements](#)
- [PVCC YouTube - Radiography](#)
- [Pre-recorded Abbreviated Information Session](#)
- [BLS - Rad Tech income and more](#)

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