



THE ANATOMY OF AN INTERACTIVE EDUCATION



There's a big difference between learning something and becoming something.



Surgical technology students work in a simulated operating room, learning various aspects of surgical procedures, including the latest technologies.



“To attend Carolinas College of Health Sciences, you can't be afraid of blood. Or sweat. Or tears.”

As a nursing student, I was on the hospital floor by the third week. The hands-on experience is sometimes challenging, scary and emotional, but it's always rewarding.

– Jodie Ramsey, Class of 2012

Carolinas College of Health Sciences (CCHS) offers an interactive learning experience. As a result, we graduate healthcare professionals who achieve test scores and pass rates well exceeding state and national averages. We accomplish this through a low student-teacher ratio and our hands-on learning environments, including a world-class simulation center and access to Carolinas Medical Center. Put simply, you will learn by doing.

Our college may not have sports, but we probably have more cheerleaders than any place you may attend.

This is more than a college. It's a community. It's tough enough to make sure you learn what you need to pass your boards, but the faculty and other students are so supportive, you are never alone.



Learn what it's like to be backed by an entire team.

Patient care is a group effort. Professionals with different expertise join together to ensure the patient receives the most comprehensive care. At CCHS, we approach education the same way. Instructors, administrative staff, clinicians and fellow students all contribute to your educational success. You will never lack resources or support. In fact, in the 2015 Community College Survey of Student Engagement, CCHS scored in the top 10 percent for student-faculty interaction as well as support for learners.

Welcome to the real world: Carolinas Medical Center

As a student at Carolinas College of Health Sciences, you'll have preferred access to Carolinas Medical Center and its affiliated hospitals. Our students get extensive clinical experience, making them more job-ready than many students graduating from four-year programs. As any graduate will tell you, learning at some of the most advanced medical facilities in the country is a tremendous advantage.



Why do we care so much about quality? Because we know our students may be caring for us someday.

Many of our students go on to successful careers at Carolinas HealthCare System. It's not only rewarding to see them flourish – we also know that we've helped create world-class healthcare for our community.

– Millie Kale Creech, MSN
Retired Nursing Faculty Member

“If you get seriously ill or injured, you'll want an entire team helping you survive. Trust me, when you study healthcare, you'll want the same.”

Granted, this is a challenging environment, but you'll have an entire team of instructors, mentors and fellow students to help you. You'll not only survive, you'll thrive.

– Jason Mitchell, Class of 2015, Nursing

The Carolinas Simulation Center is the only facility in the region to be dually accredited. It provides risk-free, hands-on simulation experiences for CCHS students, better preparing them to work with patients.

It's more than a curriculum. It's a career path.

For most students, the desired outcome of college is to get a job. At Carolinas College of Health Sciences, you will learn precisely what you need to begin an exciting healthcare career. Our exceptional board pass rates and graduation rates demonstrate that students are well prepared to enter their fields.

Surgical Technology

A surgical technologist is an integral part of the team providing care to surgical patients. Working under the direction of a surgeon, the surgical technologist prepares and presents the necessary instrumentation and supplies for the surgery. Students experience a full-spectrum rotation at Carolinas HealthCare System-affiliated hospitals and have access to specialties like heart surgery and neurosurgery. CCHS offers both a 12-month diploma program and an 18-month associates degree.



Our fast-paced phlebotomy program teaches the basics of collecting blood specimens and includes five weeks of class and five weeks of clinical rotations.

A clinical day for our nursing students at Levine Children's Hospital, a nationally recognized leader in pediatric care.



General Studies

General Studies courses, many of which are online, are an important part of a well-rounded education. A rich variety of courses is available, from literature to microbiology. CCHS ensures that even these classes emphasize healthcare, so they feel relevant to your future. Students may earn a 60-credit associates degree, and may choose a pre-nursing or pre-radiologic technology track.

Nursing

Nurses touch lives every day. At CCHS, we immerse our students in real-world nursing within the first month. Our relationship with Carolinas Medical Center means you get valuable hands-on experience in a variety of clinical settings. As a result, nearly all of our graduates pass the NCLEX licensure exam on the first attempt.



“Everything you learn is worth learning.”

In my past education experiences, I spent a lot of time and money taking courses that didn't really contribute to my future career. But at CCHS, I didn't waste a single minute; I got value from every day.

– Destini Egan, Class of 2011, Surgical Technology

Continuing Education

CCHS offers a variety of short-term courses that can help healthcare providers maintain certification, as well as launch students into new careers. We also offer a number of workshops throughout the year.

Programs include:

- Nurse Aide I & II
- Phlebotomy
- Anesthesia Technician
- Healing Touch
- Pastoral Psychotherapy
- Specialist in Blood Bank Technology/Transfusion Medicine
- Wound Treatment Associate



Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Not all healthcare jobs involve patient interaction. As a laboratory scientist, you save lives by helping doctors detect and diagnose disease through tissue and fluid analysis. CCHS immerses you in real-life, current healthcare situations. By the time you graduate, you will be an experienced laboratory scientist.

Medical Laboratory Science

Learn to use clinical laboratory testing to detect, diagnose, monitor and treat disease. An estimated 85 percent of all diagnostic medical decisions are based on results produced by this discipline.

Histotechnology

This science deals with the structure of cells and their formation into tissues and organs. It focuses on the detection of tissue abnormalities and the treatment of the diseases causing them.

Radiologic Technology

The radiologic technology program teaches students to safely utilize X-rays to perform diagnostic imaging procedures. Carolinas HealthCare System operates one of the only fully digitized imaging systems in the United States. Your training will expose you to state-of-the-art radiology equipment and practices.

Radiation Therapy

Build on your radiologic technology degree with an additional certification in radiation therapy. Learn to utilize state-of-the-art technology to combat cancer, while training alongside some of the best oncologists, physicists, and treatment professionals in the field of radiation oncology.

A laboratory sciences student receives one-on-one instruction at Carolinas Medical Center as part of a microbiology course.

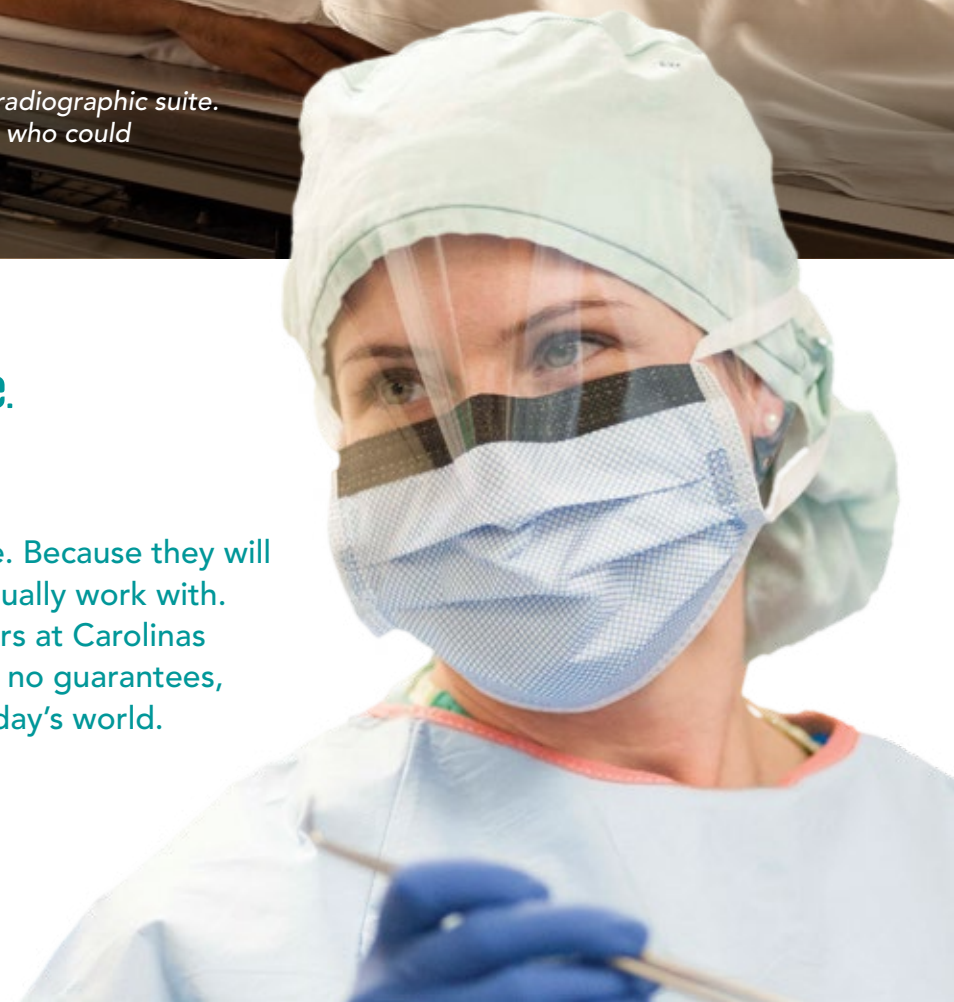


Students learn to operate X-ray equipment in a radiographic suite. You will work alongside healthcare professionals who could be your future coworkers.

**“You’re not simply in college.
You’re on a job interview.”**

That’s what we tell our students day one. Because they will be learning from people they may eventually work with. This college prepares students for careers at Carolinas HealthCare System. And while there are no guarantees, I can’t imagine a better advantage in today’s world.

– Douglas Frankenburg, Director
Radiologic Technology Program





Interact with campus life.

Carolinas College of Health Sciences offers a true collegiate experience. Our 500-member student body studies together, socializes and serves the surrounding community. You'll experience a family atmosphere as a student here.

The college is located in the heart of Charlotte, North Carolina. We're just minutes from the center-city business and entertainment district, as well as historic South End. In your downtime, you can enjoy world-class sporting events, performing arts and vibrant nightlife.

(Clockwise from above) Students routinely socialize at nearby coffee shops and outdoor cafés. Laboratory science students conduct demonstrations for the entire school, fostering professionalism. Friendships are formed that carry on after graduation, as many students work together in the real world.

Students engage in campus organizations and activities, including:

- Student Government Association
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Nurses Association
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- Council of Student Leaders
- College Committee Representation
- AST Surgical Technology Honor Society



Financial Aid

Carolinas College of Health Sciences offers a comprehensive program of federal and nonfederal aid to assist students in meeting educational expenses. Aid opportunities include:

Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Carolinas HealthCare System offers a loan agreement to finance up to \$10,000 for students enrolled in Nursing and Radiologic Technology and up to \$5,000 for students enrolled in Histotechnology, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiation Therapy and Surgical Technology. If the graduate becomes employed full-time by an eligible Carolinas HealthCare System facility, a loan forgiveness option is available.

Federal Student Aid

Student aid options include the Federal Pell Grant Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program and Federal Work-Study.

North Carolina State Aid

Legal residents of the State of North Carolina may be eligible for assistance in the form of the Forgivable Education Loan for Service Program (FELS) or the North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship Program.

Scholarships

Funds from Carolinas HealthCare Foundation, local individuals, businesses and organizations are available to students as scholarships. Scholarship criteria may include academic achievement or financial need.

Veterans Benefits

Carolinas College is approved for VA benefits through the North Carolina State Approving Agency.

Admissions

Application requirements are specific by program. Our website contains a calendar of important dates, application information and an online application. You are encouraged to visit our campus and learn more about us.

Start Your New Healthcare Career Today



To start the application process, visit our website at CarolinasCollege.edu and select the Admissions tab. For more information, call us at 704-355-5043.



To learn more about admissions and the application process,
visit our website at CarolinasCollege.edu.

1200 Blythe Boulevard • Charlotte, North Carolina 28203 • 704-355-5043