



# Connecticut Health & Life Sciences Career Initiative

**A program designed specifically for veterans, the unemployed or under-employed, TAA-impacted workers and career seekers.**

## Program Features:

- Credit for work skills, on-the-job learning and non-credit coursework
- Industry-recognized credentials
- Special modules to boost your education
- Accelerated course completion; certificate in one year or less, degree in two years
- Career and placement services
- Financial aid for credit programs

Connecticut Health & Life Sciences Career Initiative is 100% funded by a \$12.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration TAACCT



MANCHESTER  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

**For more information, contact the Health Careers Office at 860-512-2704.  
Veterans, please call 860-512-3375.  
[www.manchestercc.edu/hlsci](http://www.manchestercc.edu/hlsci)**

**For students wishing to quickly enter the job market, earning a certificate or an associate in science degree in one of the following program areas will give you the necessary training to find employment.**

### Health Career Certificates (Non-Credit)

<b>Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)</b>	Provide basic care under the direction of nursing staff in long-term care facilities, hospitals, clinics and home health agencies. Graduates are eligible to take the Connecticut State Certification exam.
<b>Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)</b>	Assess injuries, administer emergency care, extricate trapped individuals, and provide transport to medical facilities. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the initial State of Connecticut Certified EMT examination and the national board certification.
<b>Pharmacy Technician</b>	Prepare for an entry-level position in a community hospital, long-term care setting or pharmacy. This course is an excellent review for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board national certification exam.
<b>Phlebotomy Technician</b>	Collect blood samples for medical testing, blood transfusion and blood donation. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology certification exam.

### Health Career Certificates (Credit)

<b>Dental Assistant</b>	Assist the dentist in both general dentistry and specialty chairside procedures, radiography and dental laboratory procedures, along with front desk duties. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification exam.
<b>Electronic Health Records Specialist</b>	Learn how to use specialized applications to maintain the integrity and protect the privacy and security of health information. Graduates may pursue industry recognized credentials such as Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist via the National Health Association.
<b>Fitness Specialist</b>	Obtain an entry-level position as a fitness or wellness specialist and prepare to take the national exam in order to qualify as a Certified Personal Trainer.
<b>Gerontology</b>	Comprehend the physiological, psychological and socio-economic factors relating to the aging process.
<b>Health Career Pathways</b>	Obtain the foundation necessary to be successful in the healthcare field.
<b>Medical Insurance Specialist</b>	Learn current inpatient and outpatient coding practices. Graduates may pursue industry-recognized credentials such as Certified Professional Coder or Certified Medical Insurance Specialist, from the American Association of Professional Coders and/or the Certified Coding Association.
<b>Medical Transcription</b>	Translate, from oral to written form, medical information summarizing patient histories, diagnoses and treatments.
<b>Therapeutic Recreation</b>	Help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities by using recreation services and leisure experiences. Graduates will meet the Connecticut State Health Code requirements as a Therapeutic Recreation Director.

### Health Career Degrees (Credit)

<b>Health and Exercise Science</b>	Understand the human body and the role of exercise in the prevention of disease. Students who complete this program will also receive a State of Connecticut Coaching Certificate.
<b>Medical Office Administrative Assistant</b>	Gain the skills necessary to excel in medical office administration. Graduates may pursue industry-recognized credentials such as Certified Medical Administrative Assistant via the National Health Association.
<b>Occupational Therapy Assistant</b>	Work with individuals who are limited in what they can do because of a physical, emotional or developmental disability, illness or the aging process. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification exam.
<b>Physical Therapist Assistant</b>	Perform therapies designed to improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit permanent physical disability. Prepare to sit for the state licensure exam.
<b>Radiologic Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radiography</li> <li>• Radiation Therapy</li> </ul>	Choose to specialize in Radiography or Radiation Therapy. Radiographers position patients and prepare equipment for diagnostic imaging examination (X-ray). Radiation Therapists administer, monitor and document targeted doses of radiation to primarily treat cancer. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification exam in their discipline.
<b>Respiratory Care</b>	Become a Respiratory Therapist and earn the nationally recognized credentials required for state licensure: Certified Respiratory Therapist and advanced credentials of Registered Respiratory Therapist.
<b>Surgical Technology</b>	Learn to handle instruments, supplies and equipment necessary during a surgical procedure. Prepares students to take Certified Surgical Technologist exam.
<b>Therapeutic Recreation</b>	Help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities by using recreation services and leisure experiences. Graduates will meet the Connecticut State Health Code requirements as a Therapeutic Recreation Director.

