

GUIDED PATHWAY: HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS II SKILLS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HEALTH SCIENCES CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Health Professions Readiness webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/HealthReadiness) [www.dcccd.edu/HealthReadiness] and your academic advisor at the El Centro Campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Health Professions Readiness II Skills Achievement Award. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a Health Professions Readiness II Skills Achievement Award. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

The Health Professions Readiness II Skills Achievement Award (HPRA II) is a skills achievement award that prepares students for employment as a Patient Care Technician. To be admitted to the HPRA II Program, students must complete the HPRA I prior to admission or receive approval from the Program Coordinator. The HPRA II provides didactic instruction and lab experience in the pathology and general management of diseases and injuries across the lifespan. Students will also learn the pharmacological principles of drug classifications, actions, therapeutic uses, adverse effects, and routes of administration as well as the calculation of dosages. Graduates will be able to perform head-to-toe body systems assessments, perform EKG's and identify basic arrhythmias, perform venipuncture and I.V. starts and management, handle medical records, apply basic first aid skills, utilize Universal Precautions, and develop a written patient teaching plan.

This award promotes student success in the allied health program of their choice, prepares students for application to multiple programs, results in the acquisition of Patient Care Technician workforce skills for graduates of the program, and prepares candidates for successful completion of the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant exam (CPCT/A).

NOTE: Students must complete Health Professions Readiness I prior to admission to Health Professions Readiness II. Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Skills Achievement Award	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	May be Exempt	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 7 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1

Total Hours: 7

[HPRS 2300](#) – Pharmacology for Health Professions
[HPRS 2201](#) – Pathophysiology
[HPRS 2210](#) – Basic Health Profession Skills II

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with career advisor or coach to research career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
2. Meet with your advisor to apply for the Health Professionals Readiness II SA Award.
3. Consult an advisor or counselor regarding transfer requirements and the transferability of these courses to the four-year institution of their choice.

PATHWAY TOTAL: 7 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS