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# HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS





## Allied Health

Over the next several years, careers in the medical field are expected to grow at a very fast rate. A degree or certificate in Medical Services will provide you with a solid skill set to become a vital part of a medical-services team anywhere in the country.

Whether you want to work in a hospital, outpatient clinic, doctor's office or ambulance service, attain your certificate or degree here at PPCC. You can work directly with patients assisting in their medical needs.

### *What will you study?*

The field of medical services is expanding in Colorado faster than average and hospitals and healthcare clinics are beginning to hire more medical office staff to fulfill these foundational roles.

Allied Health degree students will take classes that will qualify them to complete the state EMT certification, Certified Nurses Aid certification and almost all of the Phlebotomy Certification program classes.

Students will become familiar with the healthcare system, medical terminology, interpersonal relationships, applying medical clinical skills and assisting patients in their health care.



**90%**

### *Job Placement*

Upon graduating with the Allied Health degree, over 90% of our students get jobs in the industry.

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## Certified Dietary Manager

The Certified Dietary Manager training program at Pikes Peak Community College provides accessible, quality education and training for a diverse student population to become experts in foodservice management and food safety and enter the profession as a Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional.

A wide variety of job opportunities await PPCC graduates including:

- Certified Dietary Manager
- Foodservice Manager
- Dietary Director
- Director of Food Services
- Chef

### What will you study?

The Certified Dietary Manager program offers the education and training to prepare you to perform the responsibilities of a dietary manager and to pass the nationally-recognized credentialing exam to become a Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP). Upon completion of the certificate program, you will be able to:

- Provide optimal nutrition services to patients or residents as a member of the nutrition care team.
- Coordinate the service of food and nourishments among various departments such as dining and nursing.
- Oversee food safety, inventory, and ordering of food, equipment, and supplies.
- Arrange for the routine maintenance and upkeep of the foodservice equipment and facilities.
- Coordinate all administrative and human resources functions of the foodservice department.



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## Dental Assisting

PPCC prepares students for employment as chair-side dental assistants in a variety of clinical settings. Our graduates are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board CDA Exam.

Dental Assistants work in a variety of dental practices. Our graduates have careers in:

- General Dentistry
- Orthodontics
- Oral Surgery
- Endodontics
- Periodontics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Prosthodontics

PPCC has its own Dental Assisting Club. The club has guest speakers who are dentists from the local community. The club also goes on field trips, does community service and participates in fund raising events. Students can also work with Colorado Mission of Mercy, a large-scale free dental clinic that serves underserved communities.

### ***What will you study?***

As a PPCC Dental Assisting student, you will learn to provide patients quality care in an ethical and professional manner. You will:

- Develop basic and expanded dental assisting skills
- Practice infection control procedures consistent with OSHA and CDC standards
- Meet and exceed the Colorado State minimum standards for radiographic training and education for dental assistants
- Evaluate case studies using critical-thinking skills
- Provide community service and outreach

Students must meet with a dental assisting faculty member to map out a graduation plan before being admitted into dental assisting courses.

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***Did you know?***

PPCC is the only dental assisting school in southern Colorado accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, part of the American Dental Association.



# Emergency Medical Services

PPCC's EMS is committed to staying abreast of the latest research, regulatory issues and standards of practice affecting emergency medical services. Our program strives to create a learning environment that encourages students to think critically, become leaders, work ethically and respect all people.

### What will you study?

At PPCC, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) students will learn to provide emergency medical care to sick or injured patients in a safe and accurate manner. There are a wide variety of topics you will learn about, including, but not limited to:

- Fundamentals of emergency medicine
- Backcountry medical and trauma training
- Basic first aid
- Advanced level life support
- Pediatric care



# 95%



# \$32K

### Job Placement

PPCC Paramedic graduates have 94.7% positive placement. Our alumni are found all across the U.S.

### Earnings Outlook

In Colorado, the median hourly salary in 2015 EMS was \$15.24 with a faster than average growth at 24%.

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# Medical and Clinical Office Assistant

Becoming a Medical Assistant is a perfect way to start a career in the healthcare field. U.S. News ranked medical assisting #18 in its list of Best Healthcare Support Jobs and #81 in its 100 Best Jobs list, noting salary and future job growth.

Whether you want to work in a physician's office or in a hospital outpatient clinic, PPCC has the certifications and degrees to get you there. You can work in the clinical areas with direct patient care and/or office administration.

## What will you study?

The field of Medical Assisting is expanding in Colorado faster than average and hospitals and clinics are beginning to hire more medical office staff and clinical assistance to fulfill these foundational roles.

At PPCC, Medical Assistant or Clinical Office Assistant students will learn to assist with clinical and administrative functions as employees within the healthcare field.

Students will become familiar with the healthcare system, medical terminology, interpersonal relationships, applying medical clinical skills and assisting patients in their health care.

Students will also learn general pharmacology, clinical and laboratory skills, phlebotomy, an introduction to medical office management, anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology (study of diseases).



**90%**  
Job Placement



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## Medical Reception and Coding

The healthcare industry is growing by 22%, making healthcare workers in high demand locally and nationally. Attaining a Medical Receptionist or Medical Coding Specialist Certificate from PPCC provides you with a solid skill set to become a vital part of a medical-services team.

Learn coding and reception in the same program or separately; get hands-on instruction from expert faculty, and apply your certificate toward a degree. PPCC has a 95% pass rate for Medical Reception grads who take the national certification exam.

### What will you study?

As a medical reception and coding student, you will:

- Become familiar with the healthcare system and medical terminology
- Coordinate with insurance carriers and medical providers
- Develop interpersonal communication skills to assist patients
- Intake patients for their appointments
- Create electronic medical records
- Learn billing and coding procedures
- Get an introduction to medical office management
- Take anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology



90%

### Job Placement

PPCC Medical Reception graduates have 90% positive placement.

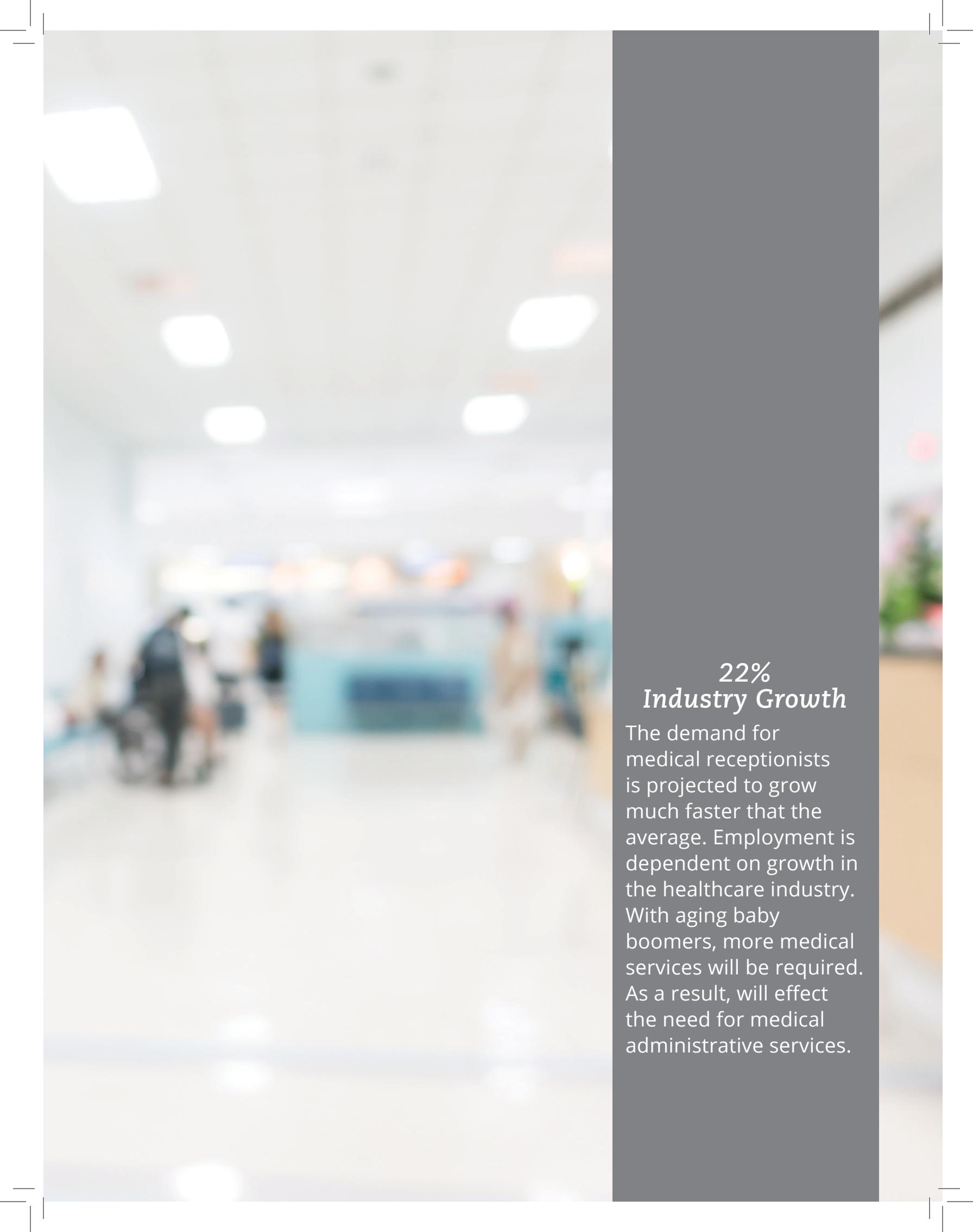


75%

### Job Placement

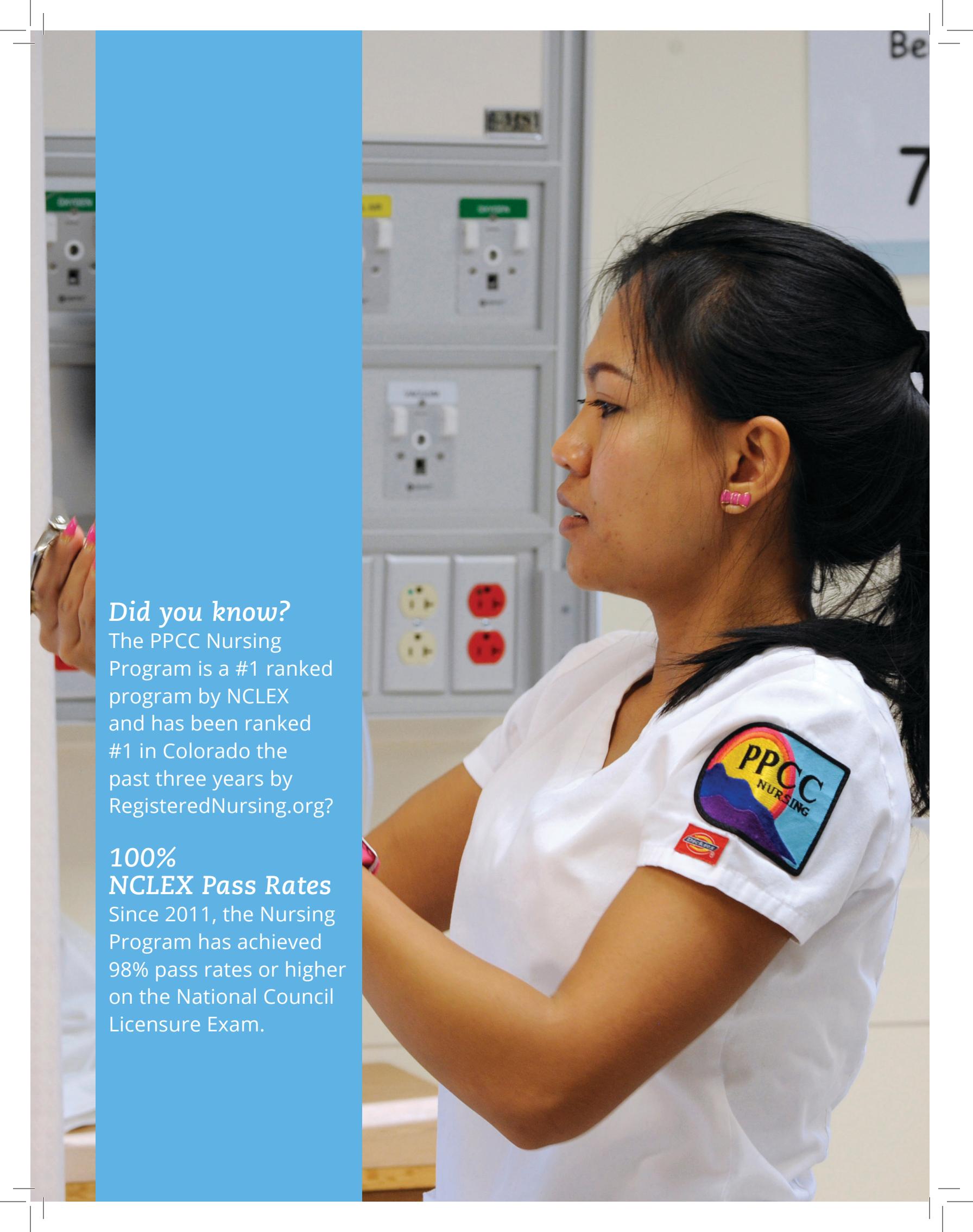
PPCC Medical Coding graduates have 75% positive placement.

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## **22%** **Industry Growth**

The demand for medical receptionists is projected to grow much faster than the average. Employment is dependent on growth in the healthcare industry. With aging baby boomers, more medical services will be required. As a result, will effect the need for medical administrative services.



*Did you know?*

The PPCC Nursing Program is a #1 ranked program by NCLEX and has been ranked #1 in Colorado the past three years by RegisteredNursing.org?

**100%  
NCLEX Pass Rates**

Since 2011, the Nursing Program has achieved 98% pass rates or higher on the National Council Licensure Exam.



## Nursing | RN

PPCC prepares its nursing students with the skills, technical competence, and know-how needed to find a rewarding career. Graduates have a reputation of being caring, skilled and efficient nurse practitioners, who are highly sought after in today's healthcare industry.

Many types of health-care facilities need skilled PPCC nursing graduates. Some career options include:

- Physician's Office
- Acute Care Settings
- Home Health Care
- Community Care

### What will you study?

Upon being accepted into the Nursing Program, you will learn a broad set of nursing skills that apply to all areas of the nursing industry, including:

- Provide caring intervention, safe, quality evidenced-based, patient centered (holistic) and compassionate care in a variety of health-care settings.
- Demonstrate critical thinking when analyzing patient data and consider quality improvement in health-illness and health-care delivery systems.
- Build collaborative relationships with the interdisciplinary team to provide and improve holistic care and patient outcomes.
- Develop teaching/learning skills to deliver to diverse populations across their lifespan.
- Provide nursing care that coordinates, organizes, prioritizes and modifies care using the nursing process in a variety of health care settings.

Photo by PPCC student Sandra Glovan



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Photo by PPCC student Sondra Glovan



## Nursing | RN-BSN Completion

- Designed for practicing RNs' busy schedules
- Theory classes are all on-line with two classes requiring practicum hours in the final semester
- Manageable 8-week courses
- Our faculty care about your success, offering one-on-one support and coaching
- Optional success workshop prior to starting the program
- Start dates twice a year in January and August.
  - Applications for fall open June 1
  - Applications for spring open October 1

### Why get a BSN?

It is required by some employers like these:

- Military, federal government, public health, schools, many local hospitals, and out of state nursing jobs. It makes you more employable in Colorado and elsewhere, and it's necessary for advancing your career in leadership, management and education or for becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

### BSN Completion Degree

- 120 credits total
  - 71.5 credits from the ADN/AAS degree or diploma and active RN license
  - 30.5 credits for RN-BSN courses
  - 18 general-education credits

### Costs

- On-line in-state tuition with COF \$350/credit
- On-line out of state tuition \$444/credit
- On-line gen ed course fees at current tuition rates, which are approximately \$263/credit



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## Nursing Assistant

PPCC prepares its nursing assistant students with the skills, technical competence, and know-how needed to find a rewarding career. Graduates have a reputation for being caring, skilled and efficient nursing assistants, who are highly sought after in today's healthcare industry.

Upon graduating with the Nursing Assistant certificate, **over 90%** of our students get jobs in the industry. Average base pay in the Colorado Springs region for CNAs is **\$12.64/hour**.

If you have a passion for bedside care, we can turn your passion into a career.

Join one of the nation's fastest-growing industries, earn your certificate and begin working in as little as ten weeks.

We offer affordable, hands-on training at Pikes Peak Community College, followed by a clinical experience which prepares you for the State test. For those interested in working in acute care, NUA 174 is completed in a hospital setting.

### Career Options

These are the places you may find a career after you complete our Nursing Assistant Program:

- Hospitals
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Hospice
- Correctional Facilities
- Home Health



*Photos by PPCC student Margaret Beatty*



**12%**  
Job Growth

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## **12%** **Job Growth**

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS), employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase by 12% from 2016 to 2026 (that's faster than average!). The BLS also suggests that pharmacy technicians with formal education or training, previous work experience, and national certification will be specifically sought after to meet these demands.



## Pharmacy Technician

If you are looking for job security with advancement opportunities while getting to help people and make a difference in the world, then a career in pharmacy may be right for you. PPCC has the only nationally accredited program in southern Colorado and our accelerated program gets you started in your new career quickly. And, tuition is exceptionally affordable.

As a student, you will participate in hands-on training with excellent clinical facilities and staff, state-of-the-art labs and experienced and accessible faculty. In addition, we have advanced-practice training opportunities available once initial entry-level training is complete. This is the only program in the state to offer an associate degree option. PPCC's pharmacy tech program prepares graduates to pass the national certification exam. As a result, PPCC students experience 80-90% job placement rates since 2014.

### What will you study?

The pharmacy technician program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The program provides students broad knowledge and training in pharmacy, preparing students to assist licensed pharmacists, allowing the pharmacist to focus on patient education, pharmaceutical care and medication management.

As a student in the pharmacy technician program at PPCC, students will:

- Develop an understanding of clinical laboratory equipment to develop hands-on pharmacy technician skills.
- Gain valuable on-the-job training during your externship.
- Train to work as a member of a pharmacy team in both institutional and community settings.
- Get personalized, hands-on instruction from an experienced and caring staff.



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## Phlebotomy

Over the next 10 years, the need for phlebotomists is expected to grow at a rapid rate. A certificate in Phlebotomy will provide you with the credentials many employers are looking for.

Blood and other body tissue analysis remains an essential function for laboratories and hospitals. The demand for phlebotomists will remain high as long as doctors and other healthcare professionals require blood work for analysis and diagnosis.

### *What will you study?*

The phlebotomy program courses (HPR 112 & HPR 113 & HPR 101) are based at the Centennial Campus on South Academy only.

At PPCC, Phlebotomy students will learn to acquire specimens for laboratory analysis. This may include blood draws, urinalysis, point of care testing, such as blood sugar, urine pregnancy, rapid beta strep and influenza testing.

Specimen collection is only part of the job. Processing and deciding which tests can be done locally or must be transported to a laboratory for analysis is also part of the decision making process.

Students will learn applicable anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, customer service in healthcare and law & ethics in healthcare. Beginning and advanced techniques for blood drawing are completed in two separate classes.



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**90%**  
***Job Placement***

Upon graduating with the Phlebotomy Certification, more than 90% of our students get jobs in the industry. This certification is valid across the United States.





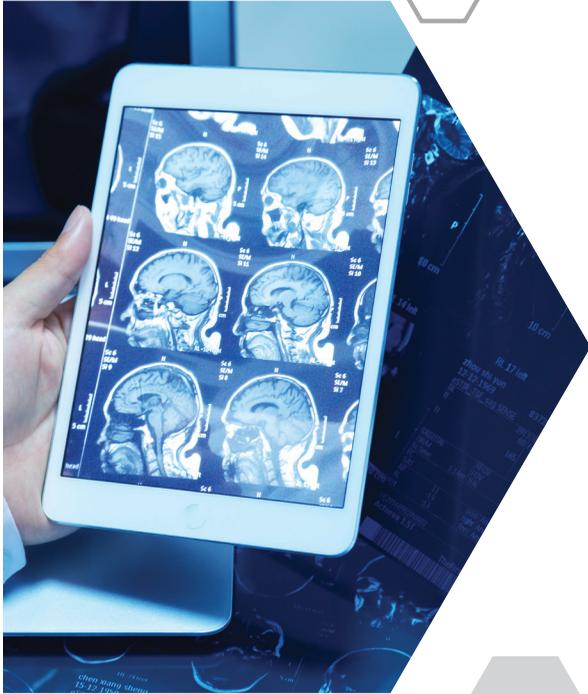
## Radiology Technology

Radiology at PPCC prepares students to apply to the UC Health Memorial School of Radiology. Our staff are highly qualified in the health-care field and have ongoing relevant experience in radiology. We prepare students to apply to radiology school. After successful completion of the program students are eligible to perform various radiological procedures in this growing field.

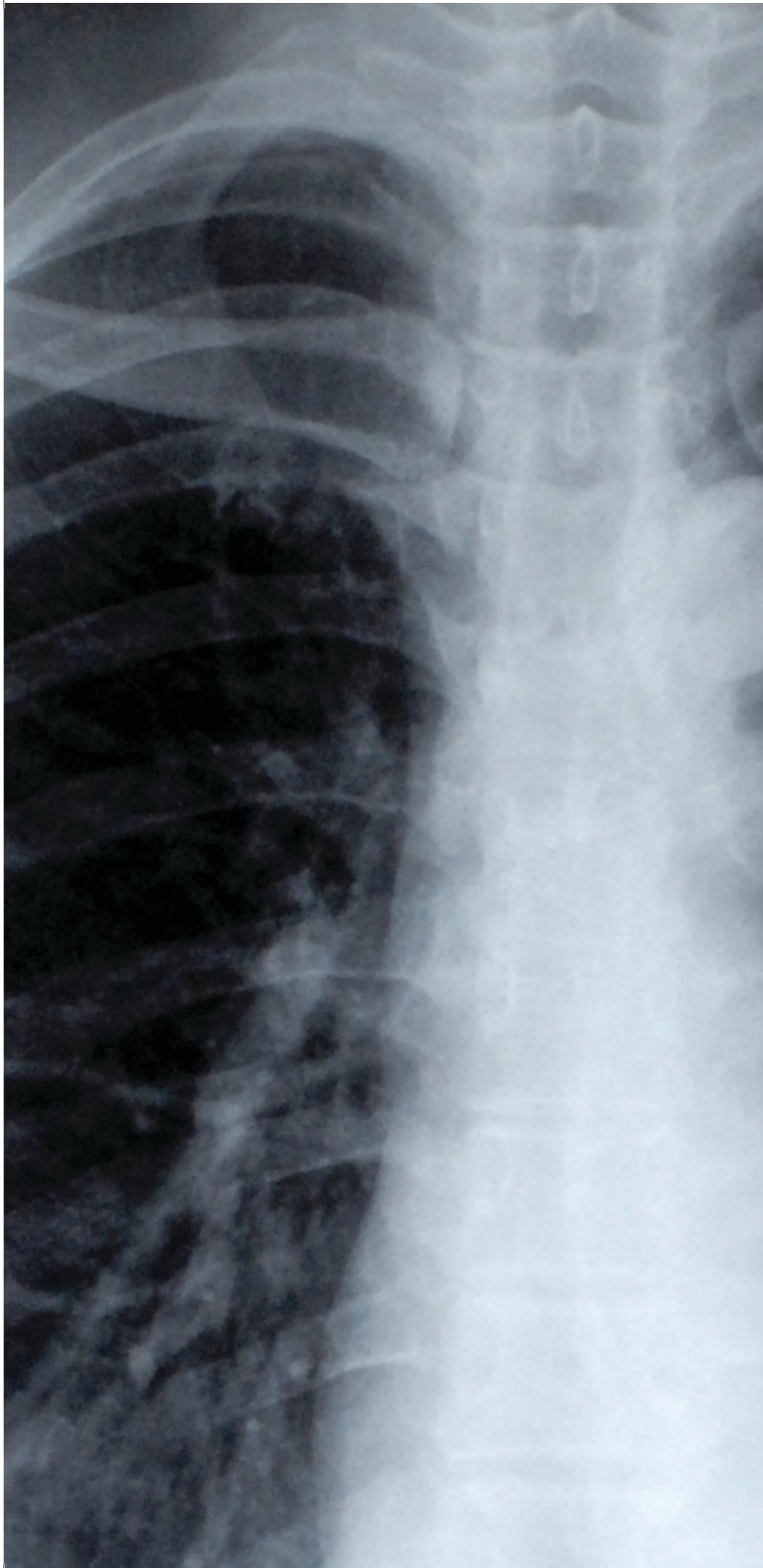
### What will you study?

Because this Radiology degree is part of a collaborative program you will fulfill pre-requisite courses at PPCC, then apply to the radiology program and complete your education with Memorial Hospital to receive an Associates of Applied Science degree. At PPCC, you will learn the basic foundation to apply to the radiology program including:

- Human anatomy and physiology
- Math skills
- The basics of radiography
- English composition
- General psychology



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**\$34.00/Hr**

***Earnings Outlook***

Based on a national survey by the American Society of Radiographers, the pay range for radiologic technologists is \$18-\$34 per hour based on experience and location.



### *Career Options*

Careers in the Surgical Technology field are in high demand and include:

- Surgical Technologist
- Surgical Assistant
- Instrument Technician



## *Surgical* Technology

The Surgical Technologist is an integral member of the surgical team, including the surgeon, anesthesiologist and nurse, who delivers patient care before, during and after surgery.

Before an operation, surgical technologists help prepare the operating room by setting up surgical instruments and equipment. During the surgery, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to the surgeons and assistants.

### *What will you study?*

The following Student Learning Outcomes are reflective of the goals you will meet during your time here at PPCC:

- Exhibit mastery of surgical and technical skills
- Display professional behaviors and leadership in a health care environment
- Communicate effectively and professionally with other allied health team members, family and patients
- Explain and implement best patient care practices



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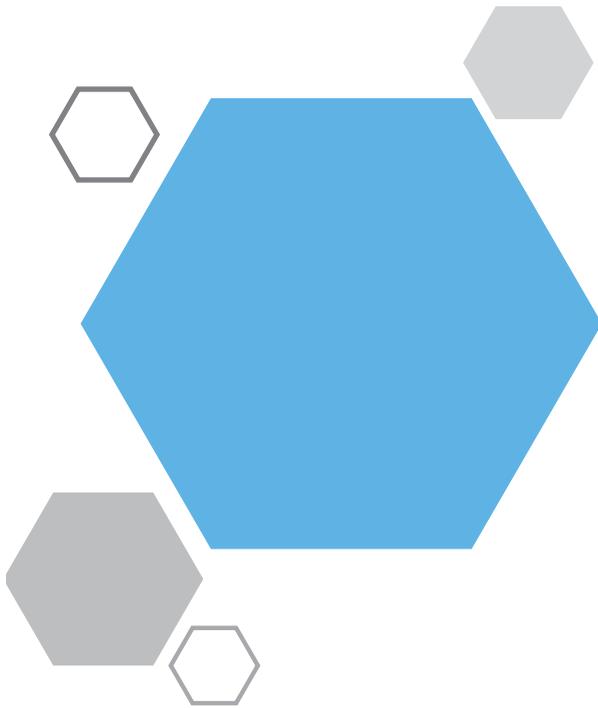


## *Coming Soon*

### *Physical Therapy Assistant*

- Anticipated program approval: 2024

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