

Allied Health Continuing Education

Fall Schedule 2026

Completed applications will be accepted June 1-June 30, 2026
Accepted applicants will be notified via Pirate Portal email July 1-9, 2026.

ECRD 1011: (EKG) Electrocardiogram Technician

Tuition: \$800

Textbook & Workbook: *Hartman's Complete Guide for the EKG Technician*

Tuition Includes Books & Certification Examination

This 64-hour course contains fundamentals of cardiovascular anatomy and physiology. It includes basic electrocardiography procedures, interpretation of basic dysrhythmia, and appropriate treatment modalities. This course is designed for students to develop basic knowledge and skills necessary to perform basic electrocardiograms in various medical settings. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association Certified EKG Technician certificate.

Prerequisite:

- Must be 18 years of age or older

Admission Requirements:

- Application
- Certified copy of High School Diploma or Official Transcript with expected graduation date or notarized copy of GED

Main Campus

Sept. 3-Dec.3, 2026 (*Classes will not be held Nov. 23-27.*)

Thursdays

6-9 p.m.

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Allied Health Building, Room 122

MDCA 1091: Medical Assistant

Tuition: \$790

Textbook & Workbook: *Hartman's Medical Assisting: The Basics*

Tuition Includes Books & Certification Examination

This 92-hour course is designed for students to develop the basic knowledge and skills necessary to function safely and effectively in a medical office or clinic environment. The Clinical Medical Assistant is trained to perform both administrative and clinical duties including using computer applications, verifying patient health insurance, scheduling appointments, collecting and preparing laboratory specimens, phlebotomy, and preparing and administering medications. This course consists of classroom work, laboratory activities, and clinical practice observation. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) certificate.

Prerequisite:

- Must be 18 years of age or older

Admission Requirements:

- Application
- Certified copy of High School Diploma or Official Transcript with expected graduation date or notarized copy of GED
- Negative PPD Tuberculosis Skin Test or Negative Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs) TB Blood Test
- Hepatitis B complete series
- MMR complete series
- Varicella complete series or laboratory evidence of immunity
- Tdap within the last 10 years
- Upon acceptance into the course a criminal background check and 10-panel drug screen will be done using an outside agency

Main Campus

Sept.15-Dec. 10, 2026 (*Classes will not be held Nov. 23-27.*)

Tuesdays & Thursdays

5-8 p.m.

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Allied Health Building, Room 106

POFM 1000: Medical Coding

Tuition: \$1,695

Textbook & Codebook: *American Academy of Professional Coders approved*

Tuition Includes Books & Certification Examination

This 90-hour course is the presentation and application of basic coding rules, principles, guidelines, and conventions utilizing various coding systems. Designed to provide the student skills and knowledge in the health information field for ICD-10 and CPT coding of insurance forms for reimbursement of medical services. This course emphasizes accurate ICD-10 and CPT coding of office procedures for payment/reimbursement by patient or a third party and prevention of insurance fraud. Students will learn abstract information from health records for appropriate code validation, code procedures and diagnoses, and apply decision-making skills to ensure proper sequencing. Medical coders work in a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, and remotely. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to sit for the American Academy of Professional Coders Certified Professional Coder (CPC) certificate.

Prerequisite:

- Must be 18 years of age or older

Admission Requirements:

- Application
- Certified copy of High School Diploma or Official Transcript with expected graduation date or notarized copy of GED

Main Campus

Sept. 5-Dec.15, 2026 (*Classes will not be held Nov. 23-27.*)

1st day: Face-to-Face; Saturday, Sept. 5; 9 a.m.-Noon'

Continuing: WebEx online; Tuesdays & Thursdays; 6-9 p.m.

[VC Main Campus](#)

Health Sciences Center, Room 132

NURA 1013: Medication Aide for Nurse Aide

Tuition: \$690

Textbook: *Hartman's Complete Guide for Medication Aide*

Tuition Includes Textbook

This 140-hour course is approved by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services to prepare the Certified Medication Aide to administer medications to residents in nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, correctional institutions, or assisted living facilities under the supervision of a licensed nurse. This course provides instruction in preparation and administration of designated medications by non-licensed nursing personnel employed in licensed health care agencies including the responsibilities associated with such administration. This course consists of classroom work, laboratory activities, and clinical practice observation. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to sit for the Texas Medication Aide Permit certificate.

Prerequisites:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Able to read, write, speak, and understand English
- Currently employed in a facility as a Nurse Aide or non-licensed direct care staff

Admission Requirements:

- Application
- Certified copy of High School Diploma or Official Transcript with expected graduation date or notarized copy of GED
- Negative PPD Tuberculosis Skin Test or Negative Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs) TB Blood Test
- Hepatitis B complete series
- MMR complete series
- Varicella complete series or laboratory evidence of immunity
- Tdap within the last 10 years
- Upon acceptance into the course a criminal background check will be done using an outside agency

Main Campus

Sept. 7-Nov. 6, 2026

1st day: Face-to-Face; Tuesday, Sept. 8; 8 a.m.-Noon'

Continuing: Fridays; 8 a.m.-Noon (including some ~~Wednesdays and Thursdays~~ Mondays and Wednesdays during skills lab)

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Allied Health Building, Room 106

NURA 1041: Medication Aide for Nurse Aide Update

Tuition: \$55

Tuition Includes Renewal

Intensive training in an identified area(s) to meet continuing education and/or review/update requirements associated with professional licensure or certification. This course was designed to be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency. This 7-hour online course is approved by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services to meet the annual education renewal requirements for the Certified Medication Aide. This course summarizes current issues, topics or new/updated guidelines for continuing education directly or indirectly related to the role and responsibilities of Medication Aides in Texas. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to renew their Texas Medication Aide Permit certificate.

Texas Department of Health and Human Services is now using an online portal to process all Medication Aide licensing. Medication Aides needing to renew their license are required to register through Texas Unified Licensure Information Portal (TULIP). The system will also provide the status of an application. For instructions on how to create your account and complete the renewal process, visit <https://txhhs.my.site.com/TULIP/s/login/>. Please read all information carefully.

Prerequisites:

- Currently hold a valid or recently expired (up to 365 days) Texas Medication Aide Permit
- Admission Requirements:
- Application

Online

Oct. 7, 2026

Dec. 2, 2026

PHRA 1001: Pharmacy Technician

Tuition: \$880

Textbook: *Pharmacy Practice for Technicians by Cirrus/Paradigm Education Solutions*

Tuition Includes Textbook

This 74-hour course is designed for students to develop the basic knowledge and skills necessary to function safely and effectively in a retail or other pharmacy setting. Topics include an overview of the qualifications, operational guidelines, and job duties of a pharmacy technician. Medical terminology, pharmacy calculations and measurements, reading and interpreting prescriptions, aseptic technique, and inventory control are discussed. This course consists of classroom work, laboratory activities, and clinical practice observation. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) certificate.

Prerequisite:

- Must be 18 years of age or older

Admission Requirements:

- Application
- Certified copy of High School Diploma or Official Transcript with expected graduation date or notarized copy of GED
- Negative PPD Tuberculosis Skin Test or Negative Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs) TB Blood Test
- Hepatitis B complete series
- MMR complete series
- Varicella complete series or laboratory evidence of immunity
- Tdap within the last 10 years
- Upon acceptance into the course, a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check and 10-panel drug screen will be done using an outside agency

Main Campus

~~Sept. 8 - Nov. 19, 2026~~ Sept. 22-Dec. 10, 2026

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9 a.m.-Noon

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Allied Health Building, Room 106

PLAB 1023: Phlebotomy Technician

Tuition: \$790

Textbook: Hartman's Complete Guide for the Phlebotomy Technician

Tuition Includes Textbook & Certification Examination

This 92-hour course is designed to develop skills in the performance of a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and universal precautions. Topics include vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture, and specimen collection on adults, children and infants. Emphasis on infection prevention, patient identification, specimen labeling, quality assurance, specimen handling, processing, accessioning, professionalism, ethics and medical terminology. Phlebotomists work in various medical settings including hospitals, medical offices, clinics, and outpatient laboratory settings. This course consists of classroom work, laboratory activities, and clinical practice observation. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) certificate.

Prerequisite:

- Must be 18 years of age or older

Admission Requirements:

- Application
- Certified copy of High School Diploma or Official Transcript with expected graduation date or notarized copy of GED
- Negative PPD Tuberculosis Skin Test or Negative Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs) TB Blood Test
- Hepatitis B complete series
- MMR complete series
- Varicella complete series or laboratory evidence of immunity
- Tdap within the last 10 years
- Upon acceptance into the course a criminal background check and 10-panel drug screen will be done using an outside agency

Main Campus

Sept. 9-Dec. 7, 2026 (*Classes will not be held Nov. 23-27.*)

Mondays & Wednesdays

6-9 p.m.

[VC Main Campus](#)

Health Sciences Center, Room 133

VTHT 1008: Veterinary Assistant

Tuition: \$605

Textbook & Workbook: Elsevier's Veterinary Assisting

Tuition Includes Books & Certification Examination

This 36-hour course is designed to introduce students to the field of veterinary medicine. Topics include survey of veterinary medicine, including veterinary-related careers, safety in the veterinary workplace, the human-companion animal bond, animal restraint, client relations, and basic medical terminology. Veterinary assistants work in primarily veterinary hospitals or animal clinics. This course consists of classroom work, laboratory activities, and clinical practice observation. Upon successful completion of the course students will be eligible to sit for the American Allied Health Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA) certificate.

Prerequisite:

- Must be 18 years of age or older

Admission Requirements:

- Application
- Certified copy of High School Diploma or Official Transcript with expected graduation date or notarized copy of GED
- Upon acceptance into the course a criminal background check and 10-panel drug screen will be done using an outside agency

Main Campus

Sept. 22-Nov. 19, 2026

Tuesdays & Thursdays

3-5 p.m.

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Allied Health Building, Room 106