NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CREATING SUCCESS

CURRICULUM PROCEDURES REFERENCE MANUAL

Section 22

Special Curriculum Program Application

for

Health Science: Therapeutic and Diagnostic Services

Emergency Medical Science (D45910)　　Pharmacy Technology (D45940)
Medical Assisting (D45920)　　　　　　Phlebotomy (D45950)
Nursing Aide (D45970)　　　　　　　　Therapeutic Massage (D45960)

Approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on October 18, 2013

Health Science: Therapeutic and Diagnostic Services

On October 18, 2013, the State Board of Community Colleges approved a new standard, with six program majors, designed to prepare students for careers in Health Science:

Health Science: Therapeutic and Diagnostic Services

Emergency Medical Science (D45910)   Pharmacy Technology (D45940)

Medical Assisting (D45920)   Phlebotomy (D45950)

Nursing Aide (D45970)*   Therapeutic Massage (D45960)

Previously Nursing Assistant (D45930)

Colleges were often coding pre-health students as General Occupational Technology (GOT)(A55280), Associate in General Education (AGE)(A10300), or using a health science curriculum standard code with an additional, local suffix. After receiving numerous inquiries about coding for pre-health science students, a committee of health science directors was called upon to assist with the development of a solution.

Presidents, administrators and all health science deans were then invited to dialogue and provide suggestions for the new curriculums standard which has numerous advantages to previous coding, including:

- Program majors, which are designed to be terminal degrees, allowing graduates to qualify for entry-level jobs related to the selected program major
- Program majors which qualify for Perkins funding
- Additional Career and College Promise pathway options for high school students
- A guidance tool which assists students in the selection of specific course versus broad course selections which may not lead to employment.
- A guidance tool which assists students in the selection of courses that provide a foundation for success in nursing and the allied health programs.
- Program coding which provides a means for accurate data collection for students enrolled in pre-health science programs.

In order to utilize one of the program majors, the college must have approval to offer the primary curriculum program. Example: A college must have approval for Medical Assisting (A45400) in order to file a program of study for Medical Assisting (D45920). The process for receiving approval for any of the six program majors is very simple:

1. Complete and submit the attached form to indicate which program majors your college would like to offer.
2. Once you receive an approval letter, file an electronic program of study (POS) in Colleague.

Please allow up to three weeks for processing.

Health Science: Therapeutic and Diagnostic Services Request Form

In order to utilize one of the following program majors, **the college must have approval to offer the primary curriculum program.** *Example: A college must have approval for Medical Assisting (A45400) in order to file a program of study for Medical Assisting (D45920).*

Please indicate (by checking) the program majors that your college would like to offer:

Emergency Medical Science (D45910) ☐

Medical Assisting (D45920) ☐

Nurse Aide (D45970) ☐

Pharmacy Technology (D45940) ☐

Phlebotomy (D45950) ☐

Therapeutic Massage (D45960) ☐

A college may offer a certificate or diploma under the above program majors once approved at the diploma level.

Our college currently has approval for the primary curriculum program(s) and would like to receive approval to offer the related program major(s) that we have indicated above.

Note: Local Board certification is <u>not</u> required for this program.

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College

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Signature of President   Date

Please email completed application to: programs@nccommunitycolleges.edu