

Welcome



QUINSIGAMOND
Community College

We'll talk about...

- **What is 'High-Demand?'**
- **Admissions Process**
 - How do I apply?
 - Application outcomes
 - What do I do to qualify?
 - Program requirements
 - Program waitlist (now called Starting Semester List)
 - Immunization
- **Academic Advising**
- **Career Advising**



What is High-Demand?

High Demand means that we have more qualified students than we have seats available in a particular program within an academic year. Students complete Admissions requirements to qualify for their program.

Once qualified, you are placed in the next available seat. This can mean that you are placed on a Starting Semester List (aka Waitlist).

We do not have any application deadlines...your health program application will be evaluated once all admissions requirements are completed - **FOCUS on meeting admissions requirements!**



Criteria-based Admissions Process

- Once you meet your program's Admissions requirements, then you will be offered a seat in your chosen program. You are not competing with other students for a seat...you just need to meet the admissions requirements.
- When a program fills for one academic year/semester, qualified students will be placed on a **Starting Semester List** for the next available semester.
- Once you are placed on the Starting Semester List, you no longer need to worry because that is your starting semester and nothing will expire!



General Requirements for Most Programs

- Must have a **high school diploma** or **GED**.
- If your program requires a **biology course**, it must be taken within 5 years of application to the program. Required grade must be earned within two attempts of taking and completing the course.
- **QCC TEAS Policy** – required score must be achieved within 3 attempts and within 3 years
- Required **TEAS scores** must be earned within 5 years of application to the program.
- “**Composite/Total**” score must be earned in 1 test (cannot be a combination of multiple tests).
- Additional **immunization** and **titer tests** may need to be needed
- (Most) Must attend/complete a **Health Information Session**.

Find your program on the website

- Go to www.qcc.edu
- Click on "Learn at QCC" and then select "Programs of Study"
- Click on 'Healthcare'
- Look for your chosen interest and click on the orange "+" sign
- Then choose your program of interest and look through the entire webpage because there is a lot of information there - Including the admissions requirements and the program's curriculum where you can see all the courses you need to take to complete your certificate or degree



TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)

Four-part, web-based, supervised assessment

- **Subtests:**
 - Reading, Math, Science and Writing skills
- Required to qualify for most healthcare programs
- You can find our TEAS webpage by going to www.qcc.edu and typing TEAS in our search tool
- The TEAS test is owned by ATI Testing www.atitesting.com
- Our TEAS policy is that you can take it 3 times in 3 years



Next Steps

- Apply online at qcc.edu
- Evidence of high school completion
- Prior academic credit at QCC or elsewhere
- Health Information Session
- TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)
- Additional requirements depend on program

Submit your documents at

https://theq.qcc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Admissions_Document_Center.jnz



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Application Outcomes

Once your application is evaluated, you will receive a letter indicating that you are:

- Qualified and **accepted** to the program
- Qualified and **placed on the Starting Semester List**,

Non-qualified

- Accepted to the appropriate Healthcare program
 - Healthcare
 - Healthcare Pre-Nursing Option
 - Healthcare Pre-Dental Hygiene Option
- **If you are accepted into one of these programs it is not necessary to complete the program. Once you meet the admissions requirements for your program you can request a change of major from your advisor**
- If it is determined that you are not qualified, contact the Advising Center for guidance on how to qualify for your program.



It's best to think of this as a 3-step process:

-  Focus on qualifying/meeting program Admissions requirements (and be placed in program or the Starting Semester List). *You will receive an email from the Admissions Office of your designated starting semester (Fall, Spring or Summer term).*
-  Take the general education classes (pre-reqs) that are a part of your program while you remain on the Starting Semester List.
-  Move from the Starting Semester List to accepted status and attend the professional classes/clinical portion of your program training.



Starting Semester Lists

- Dental Assisting: 1-2 years
- Dental Hygiene: 2 years
- EMT Paramedic: 1 year
- Medical Assisting: 2-4 years
- LPN to RN Bridge and Paramedic to RN Bridge: 1 year
- Nurse Education (RN): 2 years
- Occupational Therapy Assistant: 1 year
- Practical Nursing (LPN): 2 years
- Radiology Technology: approximately 4-5 years
- Surgical Technology: 2 years
- Respiratory Care: 2 years

This is just an approximation for all programs and is always subject to change



Immunizations

- Prior to beginning your health program students must meet the health requirements set by the MA Dept of Public Health and our clinical partners, which may change based on current health conditions in our service area.
- It is important that you complete all necessary immunizations as soon as possible because some immunizations, such as **Hepatitis B** vaccination series, requires a minimum of **6-8 months to complete** from start to finish.
- If an accepted student has not completed all immunizations by the due date set by their program they may be withdrawn.
- If withdrawn, students will need to re-apply to the health program and added back onto the Starting Semester List.



Immunizations (cont.)

- Each health program has a specific deadline date for immunizations and tests. **Students will be notified of this date prior to the start of the program.** Health program immunizations and tests is in addition to what the student may have previously submitted to the Registrar's Office and may be more rigorous.
- No student will be allowed to begin the clinical component of any health program until proof has been received that all immunization requirements have been completed.
- Students are also required to demonstrate current CPR certification (healthcare provider level, online CPR certification is not accepted) and health insurance coverage.



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Academic Advising

What is an Academic Advisor?

- Point of contact for academic issues
- Outline your educational and career goals
- Develop your Academic Plan to achieve success
- Map out your program courses and requirements
- Prepare for self-registration/register for courses
- When in doubt, ask an Advisor!



Healthcare Advising

What a Healthcare Advisor can do for you:

- Discuss different healthcare programs
- Review admissions requirements (Checklists)
- TEAS test prep strategies
- Progression and retention requirements
- Academic preparation & personal commitments
- Assist in the application process
- Emails "Change of Major" request to admissions once admissions requirements have been met



CORI/SORI/National Background Check/Drug testing

CORI/SORI/National Background Check/Drug testing is required prior to any clinical placement. A flagged check may prevent you from participating in clinical fieldwork.

Drug testing may be required prior to any clinical placement, and a state issued medical marijuana card will not excuse a positive result.

Contact Jason Kurland, Assistant Dean of Students, if you have questions:
jkurland@qcc.mass.edu or 508-854-4526.



Blood Borne Pathogens for Dental Hygiene Students

Visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to learn about CDC guidelines re:
blood borne pathogens



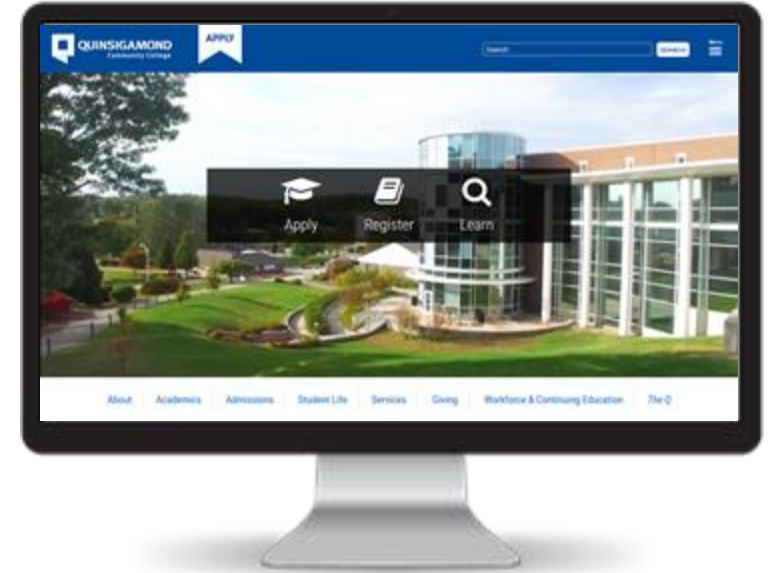
Contact Information

Admissions

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- admissions@qcc.mass.edu

Academic Advising

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Health Information Session Participation Form

- Please fill out the Participation Form
<https://www.qcc.edu/health-career-session-participation-form>
- Also available on *The Q*, under:
Quick Links
- Health Information Sessions
- This form will document attendance at today's session



Glossary of Admissions Healthcare Terms

- **Program Requirements:** Academic and testing standards (see Health Career Admission criteria) student must meet to be eligible for professional program.
- **Qualify:** Complete all Program Requirements.
- **High Demand:** More qualified students in one academic year than there are seats in desired program.
- **TEAS:** Test of Essential Academic Skills (Program Requirement)
- **Starting Semester List/Waitlist:** Qualified students given next available seat in their desired program. (Future academic year)
- **General Education Courses/Pre-reqs:** Required for degree or certificate but not restricted to major. (Ex: ENG, BIO, PSY, HST, SOC, MAT.) All programs differ.
- **Professional Program:** Clinical and professional courses (ex: NUR, PNP, DHY)
- **Immunizations:** Required to begin professional courses



Thank you!



Do not forget to turn in your Health Career Session Participation Form at the end of this session!