

Welcome



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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
 - 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, they are placed in the next available seat. This can mean that they are placed on a waitlist.

Criteria-based Admissions Process

Criteria-based Admissions means:

- 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, qualified students will be placed on a **waitlist** for the next available semester.
- Once you are placed on the waitlist, you no longer need to worry because that is your starting semester!



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.
- Required **TEAS scores** must be achieved within 3 attempts of taking the test (unless otherwise stated).
- 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).
- (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 www.atitesting.com
- We do have study guides to purchase in our bookstore



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



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 a waitlist**,

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.



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Current Waitlist (Clinical Portion)

- List of programs that are waitlisted with approximate wait period
- This is a Snapshot in time
**All the waitlist timeline are subject to change based on applicants*
- Request **change of major** email to Academic Advising Center:
advising@qcc.mass.edu

Major	Estimated wait period
Dental Assisting Certificate	~ 2 year
Dental Hygiene	~ 2 years
Nurse Education Advanced Placement LPN	~ 2 years
Nurse Education Advanced Placement Paramedic	~ 1 year
Nurse Education	~ 2 years
Practical Nursing Certificate	~ 1 year
Practical Nursing Certificate-Evening	~ 1 year
Radiologic Technology	~ 4 years

It is best to think of this as a 3 step process:

1. Qualify/meet program Admissions requirements (and be placed in program or on waitlist).
You will receive an email from the Admissions Office of your designated starting term (Fall, Spring or Summer term).
2. Take the general education classes that are a part of your program while on the waitlist.
3. Move from waitlist status to accepted status and attend professional classes/clinical portion of your program training.

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

QCC Healthcare programs and their clinical sites are requiring that participating students must be vaccinated.



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Immunizations

- [Immunizations are required before beginning your professional classes](#)
- Immunizations List is available here: [Immunizations Information](#)
- 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 at the time he/she is scheduled to begin, ***they will be withdrawn*** from the program. Students will need to re-apply to the health program for acceptance to the next available space.

Immunizations (cont.)

- Each health program has a specific deadline date for Immunization records to be submitted. **Students will be notified of this date prior to the start of the program.** Health program health information is in addition to what the student has previously submitted to the Registrar's Office.
- Students are required to demonstrate current CPR certification (healthcare provider level, online CPR certification is not accepted) and health insurance coverage.
- 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.



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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



CORI/SORI/National Background Check/Drug testing

CORI/SORI/National Background Check/Drug testing is required prior to any clinical placement. A positive in any of these areas may prevent you from participating in a clinical/field rotation.

If you are unable to participate in a clinical/field rotation you will be unable to complete the health program. Details will be explained at your program orientation. 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

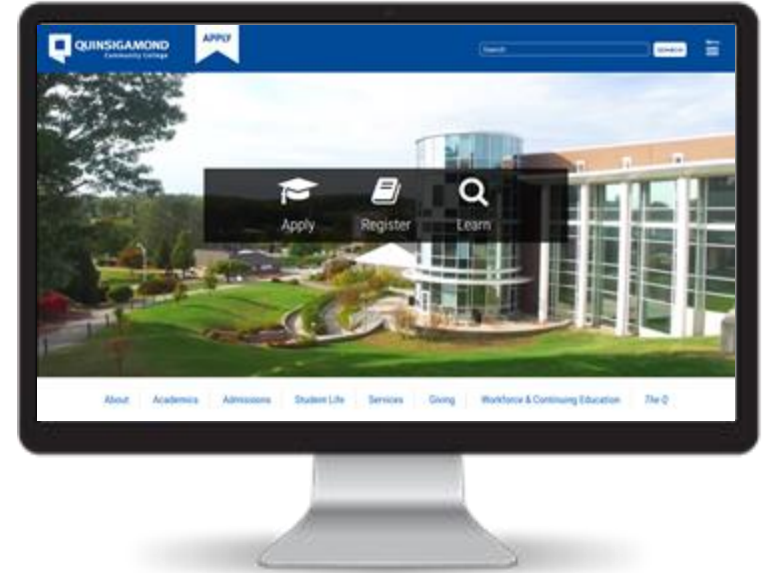
Contact Information

Admissions

- 508-854-4262
- admissions@qcc.mass.edu

Academic Advising

- 508-854-4308
- advising@qcc.mass.edu



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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 Careers 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)
- **Waitlist:** Qualified students given next available seat in their desired program. (Future academic year)
- **General Education Courses:** 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 (NUR, PNP, DHY, RDT, etc.)

Thank you!



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

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