

Columbus State Community College Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)
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Project Overview

The Health & Human Services Division of Columbus State Community College proposes a targeted five-year Health Careers Opportunity (HCOP): National HCOP Academies Program with the goal to increase the number of educationally and economically disadvantaged students who enter into, graduate from, and achieve employment in health and allied health disciplines. The program will develop **three core deliverables**:

1. HCOP National Ambassador Program,
2. HCOP Summer Camp, and a
3. Pre-Matriculation Program.

These structured programs will support **target audiences** including: 1) rising high school seniors; 2) allied health professions degree students; 3) adult/non-traditional learners and 4) undergraduate students. The Principal Investigator of the Columbus State project is a graduate of HCOP and a direct result of the benefits of the program. During the five year project, an experienced project team will establish the new “HCOP Hub” on Columbus State’s campus, which will feature centralized facilitation to mentoring, counseling, and pre-college admissions assistance as well as career, academic, and financial aid advising.

The program will recruit prospective students identified as disadvantaged because their families’ incomes are below the low-income threshold established by the U.S. Census Bureau and because they come from a social, cultural, or educational environments that have demonstrably and directly inhibited them attaining higher education toward the health professions. They may be first-generation, low-income students; graduates of high schools with low percentages of graduating seniors; and/or graduates of high schools with high percentages of free or price-reduced lunch recipients. The clinical priorities, opioid abuse and mental and behavioral health, are addressed through thematic research opportunities for National Ambassador participants and service learning projects.

The College offers 12 associate degree programs in HCOP target disciplines.	
1. Dental Hygiene	7. Respiratory Care
2. Emergency Medical Services	8. Exercise Science
3. Medical Assisting	9. Sterile Processing Technology
4. Medical Laboratory Technology	10. Surgical Technology
5. Mental Health/Addiction Studies	11. Veterinary Technology
6. Nutrition & Dietetics	12. Medical Imaging

The HCOP program at Columbus State Community College will be a comprehensive initiative involving high school students and community college students enrolled in allied health programs with options for matriculation to a university bachelor’s degree program or to work as an allied health technician.

