

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCES
STUDENT POLICIES

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)/MEDIC FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS

1. It is the student's responsibility to obtain/maintain current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification. Current certification must be maintained throughout the entire program.
2. BLS must include infant, child, adult, and AED as well as a hands-on exam. Online BLS certification is not accepted in any Health Sciences program.
3. Accepted CPR, BLS, and ACLS Providers include:
 - The American Heart Association certification must be "BLS for Healthcare Providers" and requires renewal every two years.
 - The Red Cross certification must be the "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" and requires renewal every two years.
4. Keep a copy of your current BLS certification. A copy of your current certificate must also be kept by the college at all times during your enrollment in the program.
5. Students will not be able to participate without current BLS certification.
 - Dental Assistant—required prior to Dental Assistant Clinical
 - Health Information Technology—not a program requirement
 - Medical Assistant—required prior to 2nd semester/term
 - Medical Laboratory Technician—required prior to Clinical Experience 1
 - Nursing-Associate Degree—required prior to 1st semester/term
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant—required prior to 2nd semester/term
 - Pharmacy Technician—required prior to Pharmacy Clinical
 - Phlebotomy—required prior to Phlebotomy Clinical
 - Surgical Technology—required at the start of Introduction to Surgical Technology
6. First Aid certification must be the "Medic First Aid" for adults and pediatrics. Medic First Aid requires renewal every two years.
 - Dental Assistant—optional
 - Health Information Technology—not a program requirement
 - Medical Assistant—required prior to 2nd semester/term
 - Medical Laboratory Technician—not a program requirement
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant—may be required by some Fieldwork settings
 - Pharmacy Technician—optional
 - Phlebotomy—not a program requirement
 - Nursing-Associate Degree—not a program requirement
 - Surgical Technology—not a program requirement