

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.
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 certification must also be kept by the Program Director 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 Health & Safety
  - Health Information Technology—not a program requirement
  - Medical Assistant—required prior to 2nd semester/term
  - Nursing-Associate Degree—required prior to 1st semester/term
  - Occupational Therapy Assistant—required prior to 2nd semester/term
  - Pharmacy Technician—required prior to 2nd semester/term
  - Phlebotomy—required prior to Phlebotomy Clinical
6. First Aid certification must be the "Medic First Aid" for adult and pediatrics. Medic First Aid is a two-year certification that is required.
  - Dental Assistant—optional
  - Health Information Technology—not a program requirement
  - Medical Assistant—required prior to 2nd semester/term
  - 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