

**Frequently Asked Questions for the Nursing/Allied Health Degree Programs** Visit our web site at [http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied\\_health](http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health)

<b><u>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS</u></b>	<b>Dental Hygiene Program</b>	<b>Health Information Management Program</b>	<b>Physical Therapist Assistant Program</b>	<b>Radiologic Technology Program</b>	<b>Registered Nursing</b>	<b>Respiratory Care Programs</b>
Does the program have an information session?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – Required for program	Yes	Yes
How many students are accepted in the program each year?	20 students	25 students	24 students	32 students	Day: 110 each fall Night: 50 each odd fall Transition: 30-40in summer	25 students
When is the deadline date?	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in February of each year	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in April of each year	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in March of each year	April 15 of each year	March 15 of each year	May 15 of each year
How long is the program once you are accepted?	5 semesters	4 semesters	4 semesters	6 semesters	Day - 4 sem., Night – 5 sem. Transitions: Day- 3 sem., Night – 4 sem.	6 semesters
Is there a test I need to take for this program?	TEAS	TEAS	TEAS	TEAS and ACT	TEAS	TEAS
Is there an interview before acceptance in program?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
What is the “approximate” salary I can expect in the Chattanooga area?	\$30,000 per year	\$26,000-\$35,000 per year	\$35,000-\$45,000 per year	\$30,000-\$40,000 per year	\$35,000- \$38,000 per year	\$32,000-\$36,000 per year
Are observation hours required before getting into the program?	Yes - 16 Hours	No	Yes – 16 Hours	No - Extra points (will discuss at info session)	No	No
What credentials are received after your licensure/certification/registry test?	RDH	RHIT	PTA license	R.T.(R)(ARRT)	RN	RRT

**Important Notes in the N/AH Division: *Fire Science Technology* (FI) is an on-line degree program & *Health Information Management* (HIT) is a RODP degree program**

**General Questions asked for our Degree Programs:**

- **When do the degree programs start?** Each of these N/AH programs start in the fall semester. (RN Transitions programs begin in the summer)
- **How do I get started?** Visit the Nursing/Allied Health website at [http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied\\_health](http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health) and pull down AAS degrees. In the list of degree programs, you will find the steps in the application process, required materials, and important details needed to successfully complete the application process. All interested students are strongly encouraged to attend a free information session to obtain detailed and accurate program information. (Info session is required for RT)
- **When should I turn in my program application?** Start the application process as soon as you decide you are definitely interested in a health career program. Each degree program has an admission checklist in the program information brochure. Read and follow the steps carefully. The program application must be turned in **before** any transcripts, program materials, test scores, etc. are submitted. Do not wait until the deadline to turn in your application and program materials.  
Remember: *It is your responsibility* to check with the application coordinator to make sure your file is complete before the deadline date.
- **Can I apply for more than one program?** Yes, however, an application and transcripts are required for each program file. It is your responsibility to be sure that each program file is complete.
- **What is the difference between general education/core/support courses and prerequisites?** All courses in a health career program of study other than program courses (begin with DH, HE, PT, RT, NS, or RC prefix) are required to meet program entrance requirements, requirements for graduation or are courses in support of the program curriculum content. Most students enroll in general education/core/support courses prior to applying to the program as it enhances their standing in the competitive selection process. Courses designated as prerequisites must be completed prior to enrolling in the first program course. Prerequisites include all learning support courses (begin with DSPM, DSPR, and DSPW), Chemistry for some programs, and MATH 1710 for Radiologic Technology. Other general education/core/support courses may be designated as prerequisite for specific career programs. When taking courses prior to entering a career, plan to complete prerequisite courses first. Visit the N/AH Website to view these important courses: [http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied\\_health](http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health)
- **How are students selected into a career program?** *Program selection is a competitive process based on an objective points system.* Points are awarded for completion of curriculum courses, grades in those courses, results on test(s), and other materials required for that program. The higher your points, the better your chances of an interview (if required) or gaining acceptance.
- **How many points do I need?** There is no set number of points needed to be accepted. The applicant pool is sorted according to total points. Students scoring the highest number of points are considered for the program.