

# Welcome to Health Sciences!



TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

# TCL Health Sciences Programs

- Nursing
- Radiology Technology
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Surgical Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Massage Therapy



# Health Sciences Advisor

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# Nursing Program

Program Director: Vandy Amason, MSN, RN, CMSRN



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- Accredited:
  - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- Fall and Spring Entry
- Accepts 40 students Fall & Spring



## 3 Different Options

- Multi entry/Multi exit Program

- **PN Option** (Fall entry only)

- Diploma
- 3 semesters
- Fall, Spring, & graduate Summer
- 42 credits
- Eligible for NCLEX-PN exam (LPN)

- **RN Option** (Fall & Spring)

- Associate Degree
- 5 semesters
- 68 credits
- Eligible for NCLEX-RN exam (RN)

- **LPN-AP** (Fall & Spring)

- Enter 2<sup>nd</sup> year, first semester
- Complete in 2 semesters
- Eligible for NCLEX-RN exam (RN)



# Radiologic Technology

Program Director: Erika Johnson, BS, R.T. (R) (ARRT)



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- Accredited:
  - Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
- Fall entry only
- Associate Degree
  - 6 semesters
- Accepts 14-16 students
- Eligible for national registry exam to obtain RT (R).





# Physical Therapy Assistant

Program Director: Dr. Joey Swearingen PT, DPT, ATC



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- Accredited:
  - Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- Fall entry only
- Associate Degree
  - 5 semesters
- Accepts 16 students
- Eligible to sit for National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and State Licensure



# Surgical Technology

Program Director: Ashley Sumner, AS, CST



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- Accredited:
  - Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Fall entry only
- Associate Degree
  - 4 semesters
- Accepts 12-15 students
- Eligible for national certification exam
  - CST (Certified Surgical Technologist)
  - CSPDT (Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician)

# Medical Assisting

Program Director: Jaclyn Valenti, RMA, AS, BA, MEd.



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- Accredited:
  - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Fall entry
- Certificate
  - 3 Semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer)
- Accepts 15 students
- Eligible for the Registered Medical Assistant Exam (RMA) for certification

# Massage Therapy

Program Director: Denise Van Nostran, LMT, BCTMB, BM, MM



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- Accredited:
  - Commission for Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA)
- Fall entry only
- Certificate program
  - 3 semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer)
- Accepts
  - 16 students (day)
  - 8 students (evening/Saturday)
- Graduates complete Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam (MBLEX), leading to Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT)





# TEAS FAQ'S

- **Which Programs need the TEAS test?**
  - Nursing
  - Radiology Technology
  - Physical Therapy Assistant
  - Surgical Technology
- **What is the TEAS test?**
  - Tests English, Math, Reading, and Science skills
- **How long are the TEAS scores good for?**
  - 3 years at TCL
- **How many times can you take the TEAS test?**
  - 3 times in a 12 month period

- **How long does the TEAS test take?**
  - Takes about 3 ½ hours to complete
- **Where do I take the TEAS test?**
  - Beaufort Campus
  - Testing Center in Building 2
    - Call 843-470-8400 for an appointment
- **Is there a study guide?**
  - At the TCL bookstore
    - TEAS study guide: \$68.65
    - TEAS study guide bar chart: \$6.95 + tax
      - (Prices subject to change at anytime)
- **How much does the TEAS test cost?**
  - \$65 for TCL Students



# Achieve 3000 FAQ'S

- **Which Programs need the Achieve 3000 assessment?**
  - Nursing
  - Radiology Technology
  - Physical Therapy Assistant
  - Surgical Technology
- **What is the Achieve 3000 assessment?**
  - Reading & Writing Comprehension
- **How many times can you take the Achieve 3000 assessment?**
  - It is not a pass/fail assessment
  - You will continue on from the score you have left off on
  - Scores update the first of every month
- **How long are the Achieve 3000 scores good for?**
  - 3 years at TCL
- **What is the score that is needed for program entry:**
  - 1300 for all Associate degree programs
- **Where do I take the Achieve 3000 assessment?**
  - Beaufort Campus
    - You need a paper signed off by the Health Sciences Advisor to sign up for it
- **How much does the Achieve 3000 assessment cost?**
  - It is a free assessment.



- TCL Accreditation
  - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Are there expirations on courses?
  - Math and Science courses have a 5 year expiration



# How do I get started?

- Apply to TCL at [www.tcl.edu](http://www.tcl.edu)
- Request **ALL** official transcripts be sent to TCL Admissions office
  - College and High School or GED
- Meet with Health Science advisor
- Take entrance exam (TEAS Test) if needed per program requirements
- Apply by published deadlines

