

# NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

*Bachelor in Applied Science Degree in Nuclear Medicine  
Technology/Computed Tomography*



**INFORMATION & APPLICATION PACKET  
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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for taking the time to consider an excellent career opportunity in GateWay Community College's Nuclear Medicine Technology and Computed Tomography Program. This Information and Application packet will provide you with answers to most of your questions. Please be advised that the contents of this packet are subject to change throughout the year. It would be prudent to periodically check for more current versions. The program consists of a combination of didactic, laboratory, and clinical classes and offers the means of learning the concepts and skills necessary to perform the duties of a nuclear medicine technologist AND computed tomography technologist.

Our fully accredited Bachelor program offers dual modality certification opportunities in Nuclear Medicine Technology and Computed Tomography (NMT/CT). The Bachelor of Nuclear Medicine Technology and Computed Tomography program can be accomplished in 11 semesters. The introductory courses can be completed in 3 semesters and must be completed to enter the wait queue for the NMT/CT core curriculum. The general education courses required for Bachelor Degree completion can be taken while in the wait queue or after enrolled into the NMT/CT core curriculum, but it is recommended to complete them prior to enrollment in the NMT/CT core curriculum to minimize any potential scheduling conflicts. The Nuclear Medicine and Computed Tomography core curriculum courses will be accomplished in 8 consecutive semesters and can only be taken once formally admitted into the NMT/CT program. Prospective students must submit an application to [selectiveadmissions@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:selectiveadmissions@gatewaycc.edu). As students finish their introductory courses and notify selective admissions they are given a number in the wait queue. It is recommended that you apply to the NMT/CT program if you are considering this career choice even before you complete your introductory courses. This way we can keep you informed of any changes to the program while you are taking your introductory and general education courses. It is important to note that if program general education and introductory courses change while in the wait queue you will be notified and will be required to complete the changes in general education and introductory courses but will NOT lose your number in the queue.

The application can be found at the end of this packet along with a step by step application process. It is highly recommended that students take the introductory course NUC100, which is an overview of the Nuclear Medicine profession to see if this is the profession for you.

The NMT/CT core curriculum begins each August. Selective admissions sends acceptance letters in January for the August start date. After accepting a seat in the cohort, students will receive communication from the program director regarding dates for mandatory orientation meetings typically occurring March-May. I think you will find the information in this packet very helpful but if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact any of us:

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Visit our website at [www.gatewaycc.edu/nuclear-medicine-technology](http://www.gatewaycc.edu/nuclear-medicine-technology) for additional program information.

I wish you success in your educational and career goals.



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## CAREER DESCRIPTION

Completion of the BAS NMT/CT program provides students an opportunity to take national certification exams in Nuclear Medicine Technology and Computed Tomography. In order to take the Computed Tomography national certification, graduates must first pass the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification exam. Upon passing the national NMT and CT certification exams, graduates can pursue careers as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Computed Tomography Technologist, or as a dual-modality/multi-modality technologist.

As a Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT), you will administer radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. NMTs use sophisticated detection devices that obtain qualitative and quantitative data that assist physicians as they diagnose and treat diseases. A number of skills and capabilities are required in this profession, including basic patient care techniques, interpersonal communication skills, a solid understanding of algebraic analysis, and computer literacy.

You will find most job opportunities in hospitals, but positions also exist in physicians' offices, outpatient clinics and mobile units.

For information about careers in Nuclear Medicine Technologist, visit O\*NET Online @ <http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2033.00> for detailed job descriptions, education requirements, wage and employment trend information.

### Computed Tomography (CT) Technologists

Computed tomography (CT) technologists use ionizing radiation to create three-dimensional (3D) images for diagnostic purposes. They work in hospitals, clinics, labs, and outpatient centers.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY

### ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Formal application and admission to the program.
- Background Check Requirements: Admission to an Allied Health program requires that students follow the Maricopa County Community College District Background Check Standards. Upon conditional program enrollment, the student must comply with all requirements of the MCCCCD Background Check Policy.
- Clinical health and safety requirements must be met prior to enrollment in any program of study course. Upon conditional program enrollment, the student must comply with all requirements of the MCCCCD Clinical Health and Safety Policy and drug testing protocols.
- Inability to comply with background check requirements and/or clinical health and safety requirements at the start of classes or during the program may result in cancellation of enrollment.
- There are limited spaces available in the NMT/CT program. Only students who have completed all the introductory courses and applied via selective admissions may have their name added to the queue of those waiting for an available space in a cohort.
- As long as all introductory courses have been completed, potential students residing outside of the state of Arizona can seek permission from the Program Director to be placed on the waitlist, granted a position number, and agree to take NUC100 in the semester prior to formal program admission.

### READMISSION CRITERIA

The Program reserves the right to deny acceptance of an admissions application if the applicant was dismissed from any program for issues relating to academic integrity and/or unsafe patient care.

## INTRODUCTORY COURSES FOR BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

### PLACEMENT TESTING

Placement tests are designed to identify your skill levels in English language usage, reading and mathematics. Placement tests are scheduled at a variety of times in Gateway's Testing Center and are free of charge. Please contact Gateway's Testing Center or visit the website to get updated requirements and hours of operation.

### INTRODUCTORY COURSES

All previous college semester credits must be from a regionally accredited institution recognized by Gateway Community College with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.

Students must complete the following introductory courses with a **3.0 GPA** to be added to the queue of those waiting for an available cohort space to begin the core curriculum: BIO201, BIO202, [(CHM130 and CHM130LL) or CHM130AA or (CHM138 and CHM138LL)], (ENG101 or ENG107), (ENG102 or ENG108), (MAT15+ or equivalent course or satisfactory

completion of a higher-level algebra mathematics course), NUC100, [PHY101 or (PHY111 and PHY112)]. **ENG102 and NUC100 have to be completed with a "B" or higher.** The remaining introductory courses in the following list must be completed with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and with a final grade of "C" or better.

*NOTE: Until program introductory courses are completed, students are only eligible for conditional admission to the program. All introductory courses must be completed prior to starting the Nuclear Medicine Program of Study. The Health Careers advisors are happy to meet with you and develop a schedule to take your program general education and introductory courses.*

**INTRODUCTORY COURSES MUST BE COMPLETE FOR APPLICATION APPROVAL AND ADMITTANCE TO WAIT QUEUE (CONT)**

**Courses are required but the schedule is suggested**

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Credits: 15-20</b>
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	

+ BIO201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
+ FYE 101	Introduction to College, Career and Personal Success <b>OR</b>	
+ FYE 103	Exploration of College, Career and Personal Success	1-3
+ NUC100	Introduction to Nuclear Medicine Technology	1
+ COM263	Elements of Intercultural Communication	3
+ MAT150	College Algebra/Functions (5) <b>OR</b>	
+ MAT151	College Algebra/Functions (4) <b>OR</b>	
+ MAT152	College Algebra/Functions (3) <b>OR</b>	
+ MAT155	College Algebra/Functions with Review <b>OR</b>	
+ MAT156	College Algebra/Functions with Review	
	Equivalent course or satisfactory completion of a higher-level algebra mathematics course 3-6	3-6
+ ENG101	First-Year Composition (3) <b>OR</b>	
+ ENG107	First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3

<b>Semester 2</b>		<b>Credits: 15</b>
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	

+ BIO202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4	4
+ ENG102	First-Year Composition (3) <b>OR</b>	
+ ENG108	First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3
+ PHY101	Introduction to Physics (4) <b>OR</b>	4
+ PHY111	General Physics I (4) <b>AND</b>	
+ PHY112	General Physics II (4)	
+ CHM130	Fundamental Chemistry (3) <b>AND</b>	4
+CHM130LL	Fundamental Chemistry Laboratory (1) <b>OR</b>	
+CHM130AA	Fundamental Chemistry with Lab (4) <b>OR</b>	
+ CHM138	Chemistry for Allied Health (3) <b>AND</b>	
+ CHM138LL	Chemistry for Allied Health Laboratory (1)	

<b>Semester 3</b>		<b>Credits: 0-4</b>
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	

+ PHY112	General Physics II (4) (if taking PHY111 and PHY112 instead of PHY101)	0-4
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GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES MAY BE TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTERING WAIT QUEUE, WHILE IN THE WAIT QUEUE, OR DURING NUCLEAR MEDICINE/COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY PROGRAM OF STUDY

L	Literacy and Critical Inquiry	3
CS	Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Application (PSY230 or MAT206 or SWU225 recommended)	3
HU	Humanities, Fine Arts, and Design	6
SB	Social-Behavioral Sciences	3

**PROGRAM OF STUDY – NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)-  
COURSES CANNOT BE TAKEN UNTIL FORMALLY ADMITTED AND ASSIGNED TO COHORT**

**Program follows specified cohort**

Fall 1		
Course #	Course Title	Credits 13-16
NUC101	Essentials of Nuclear Medicine Technology	1
NUC110	Introduction to Radiation Physics and Biology for Nuclear Medicine	3
NUC112	Nuclear Medicine Quality Control Laboratory	1
NUC113	Nuclear Medicine Clinical Applications Laboratory	1
NUC116	Nuclear Medicine Procedures I	3
NUC180	Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation	4
L	Recommended during Fall 1 if not already taken	3
Spring 1		
Course #	Course Title	Credits 12-15.5
NUC103	Nuclear Medicine Image Evaluation I	1
NUC203	Nuclear Medicine Image Evaluation II	1
NUC130	Professionalism and Patient Care	1
NUC216	Nuclear Medicine Procedures II	3
NUC220	Sectional Anatomy	3
NUC276	Nuclear Cardiology	3
RES109	CPR (optional)	0.5
CS	Recommended during Spring 1 if not already taken Recommended: PSY230 OR MAT206 OR SWU225	3
Summer 1		
Course #	Course Title	Credits 6
NUC222	Clinical Practicum I	3
NUC259	Fundamentals of Research in Nuclear Medicine	3
Fall 2		
Course #	Course Title	Credits 14.5
NUC303	Nuclear Medicine Image Evaluation III	1
NUC316	Nuclear Medicine Procedures III	3
NUC322	Nuclear Medicine Clinical Practicum II	3
NUC350	Fundamentals of Computed Tomography and Elements of Magnetic Resonance Imaging	3
NUC359	Research Methods and Design	3
NUC372	Cardiac Practicum <b>OR</b>	
NUC382	PET/CT Practicum	1.5
Spring 2		
Course #	Course Title	Credits 11.5-14.5
NUC372	Cardiac Practicum <b>OR</b>	
NUC382	PET/CT Practicum	1.5
NUC403	Nuclear Medicine Image Evaluation IV	1
NUC416	Nuclear Medicine Procedures IV	3
NUC422	Nuclear Medicine Clinical Practicum III	3
NUC444	Nuclear Medicine Radiopharmacy	3
HU	Recommended during Spring 2 if not already taken	3
Summer 2		
Course #	Course Title	Credits 6
NUC392	Computed Tomography Clinical Practicum I	3
NUC450	Computed Tomography and Hybrid Imaging Case Analysis	3
Fall 3		
Course #	Course Title	Credits 9-12
NUC402	Computed Tomography Clinical Practicum II	3
NUC434	Nuclear Medicine Department Administration	3
NUC459	Nuclear Medicine Research Presentation and Publication	3
SB	Recommended during Fall3 if not already taken	3
Spring 3		



Course #	Course Title	Credits 7-10
NUC291	Computed Tomography Registry and Board Exam Preparation	1
NUC432	Nuclear Medicine Clinical Practicum IV	3
NUC490	Nuclear Medicine Seminar	3
HU	Recommended during Spring 3 if not already taken	3

### Restricted Electives

+ NUC108	Structured Diagnostic Medical Imaging Skills Enhancement	1
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## ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

The estimated cost for the Nuclear Medicine Program is outlined in the chart below, which includes tuition, fees, books and liability insurance for Maricopa County residents. The student is responsible for providing transportation, health insurance, housing, and uniforms. In the last semester, the student will be responsible for costs of his/her national board exam and state licensing.

### AAS Degree Program

Tuition* (\$97 per credit hour for 100-200 level courses, \$145.50 per credit hour for 300-400 level courses. ....	\$ 14,308-15,181
Restricted Elective Tuition (0-1 credit hrs @ \$97 a credit hr) <sup>1</sup> .....	\$0 – 97
Registration fees (\$15 per semester (11 semesters).....	\$165
Estimated Course / Lab Fees for Nuclear Medicine Core Curriculum only .....	\$2000
Estimated Equipment / Supplies for Nuclear Medicine Core Curriculum only .....	\$200
Estimated Books for Nuclear Medicine Core Curriculum only .....	\$1500
Other Program Costs: Pre-Clinical Requirements, temporary CT license, etc. <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$367 – 1,032</u>
<b>Total Estimated Costs</b>	<b>\$18,540-\$20,175</b>

**Cost shown here does not include expenses related general education and introductory courses books, fees, equipment**

### ADDITIONAL COSTS AFTER PROGRAM COMPLETION/GRADUATION

Arizona Department of Health Nuclear Medicine License.....	\$100
Arizona Department of Health Computed Tomography License.....	\$20
American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT N) Certification .....	\$225
American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT CT) Certification.....	\$225 (with ARRT (N) certification)

**Out-of-County residents pay \$531/credit hour for lower division courses and \$579.50/credit hour for upper division courses\*\***

**Out-of-State residents pay \$372/credit hour for lower division courses and \$420.50/credit hour for upper division courses\*\***

\*Rates are set according to Arizona Revised Statute. Applies only to counties with no community colleges.

\*\*According to Arizona Revised Statute, 15-1802 F, "A person who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the US Department of the Interior whose reservation land lies in this state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the reservation is entitled to classification as an in-state student." Therefore, unclassified and out of state surcharges do not apply to such students.

Students must also plan on the expense of driving to clinical locations across the metropolitan Phoenix and outlying areas within Arizona. Several clinical affiliates are not on bus routes so one's own private transportation vehicle is necessary.

Tuition and fees are set by the Maricopa Community College Governing Board and approved by the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges; all fees are subject to change. Tuition is higher for non-county residents; visit [www.gatewaycc.edu](http://www.gatewaycc.edu) for more information.

Other Program Costs may be less or more than listed based on a student's individual health record in respect to compliance with the immunization and safety requirements for the clinical experience.

**IMPORTANT — Tuition and fees are due at the time of registration or by the specified deadline for the class. Visit your Student Center through my.maricopa.edu for charges and due dates. For your convenience, you may pay by cash, check, VISA, Discover, MasterCard, or American Express. All returned checks are subject to a \$15 NSF Fee.**

## IMMUNIZATIONS, TESTING, AND BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS

### IMMUNIZATION AND TB TESTING REQUIREMENTS

All health and safety is now completed digitally. The health and safety requirements are subject to change based on the requirements of our clinical partners. Once a student has been accepted into a program for the start of an upcoming semester, clinical requirements will be sent out.

### MCCCD BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Students seeking admission to an MCCC CD Allied Health or Nursing Program (Program) will be required to obtain a valid Level-One Arizona Department of Public Safety Fingerprint Clearance Card (FCC Card) AND a passing score on an MCCC CD background check. This policy precludes MCCC CD faculty or staff from assigning students to a clinical experience who cannot meet the new requirements.

Upon admission to the program, students are required to present a copy of the DPS card and apply for the MCCC CD Background Check. Students bear the financial costs for both the MCCC CD Background Check and the AZ Fingerprint Clearance Card. Students will receive Information regarding the MCCC CD Background Check after admission, but prior to the beginning of the program. Please allow a minimum of eight weeks processing time for the DPS Level-One Fingerprint Clearance card. The card is valid for six years from the date of issue.

### DRUG SCREENING

Each student must go through a preclinical drug screen prior to beginning the first clinical rotation. Drug screening for all students is mandatory. The cost for this test is the responsibility of the student. The urine drug screen will test for alcohol, illegal drugs (includes cannabis/marijuana), or drugs that may impair judgment while working with patients at the clinical site. If the drug test is positive for the illegal drugs, the student will not be able to continue in the program. Readmission is at the discretion of the college and the Program. Some clinical sites also require screening for nicotine. Students who test positive for nicotine may not be able to be placed at some clinical sites, but are not excluded from the Program but this may delay your clinical.

Despite the fact that medicinal and recreational marijuana is legal in Arizona, it's is still prohibited at Maricopa Community Colleges because of its obligations under federal law. Maricopa Community Colleges prohibit the possession and use of marijuana on all campuses and in all off-campus student activities, including internships and clinical learning experiences in health programs. This policy is dictated by Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-108 which prohibits any person, including a medical marijuana cardholder, from possessing or using marijuana on the campus of any public university, college, community college or postsecondary education institution. Federal legislation prohibits any institutions of higher education that receives federal funding from allowing the possession and use of marijuana.

Maricopa Community Colleges receive federal funds through grants and financial aid. Maricopa Community Colleges continue to enforce current policies regarding controlled substances and any student or employee who violates university policy prohibiting the use of possession of illegal drugs on campus or in student activities-including educational internships-will be subject to disciplinary action and criminal prosecution.

Medical marijuana or its metabolite, is not accepted substance in urine drug screens and will result in a positive urine drug screen. Students with a prescription for medical marijuana would not be considered exempt form urine drug screening.

## NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS ABILITIES

### [O\\*Net Online 29-2033.00 -Nuclear Medicine Technologists Abilities](#)

**Oral Comprehension** — The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences



**Oral Expression** — The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.

**Near Vision** — The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).

**Problem Sensitivity** — The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing there is a problem.

**Information Ordering** — The ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules (e.g., patterns of numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).

**Written Comprehension** — The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.

**Speech Recognition** — The ability to identify and understand the speech of another person.

**Deductive Reasoning** — The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.

**Inductive Reasoning** — The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).

**Speech Clarity** — The ability to speak clearly so others can understand you.

**Written Expression** — The ability to communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.

**Category Flexibility** — The ability to generate or use different sets of rules for combining or grouping things in different ways.

**Control Precision** — The ability to quickly and repeatedly adjust the controls of a machine or a vehicle to exact positions.

**Mathematical Reasoning** — The ability to choose the right mathematical methods or formulas to solve a problem.

**Number Facility** — The ability to add, subtract, multiply, or divide quickly and correctly.

**Arm-Hand Steadiness** — The ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.

**Flexibility of Closure** — The ability to identify or detect a known pattern (a figure, object, word, or sound) that is hidden in other distracting material.

**Perceptual Speed** — The ability to quickly and accurately compare similarities and differences among sets of letters, numbers, objects, pictures, or patterns. The things to be compared may be presented at the same time or one after the other. This ability also includes comparing a presented object with a remembered object.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What is Nuclear Medicine?

Nuclear Medicine is part of Diagnostic Medical Imaging. We primarily administer imaging agents called radiopharmaceuticals to look at the physiological processes occurring in the organ of interest at the molecular level. The isotope of the radiopharmaceutical has an unstable nucleus that undergoes nuclear decay. This isotope is "tagged" together with a pharmaceutical or drug. The pharmaceutical goes to the organ of interest and the isotope emits gamma rays. Under the gamma camera, the gamma rays emitted from the patient accumulate into an image on the screen, which reflects the morphology and function of the organ. We also perform radioactive therapy under the direction of a physician to treat disease. PET (positron emission tomography) is part of nuclear medicine as well. PET currently assesses patients for cancer, heart disease, inflammatory process, and neurological problems such as Alzheimer's disease. This special area of nuclear medicine is growing rapidly and is expected to continue the growth trend due to new radiopharmaceuticals now in development. Many of our cameras are now hybrid meaning the capability of acquiring the Nuclear Medicine data as well as Computed Tomography (CT) or Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Hybrid imaging allows for the acquisition of functional/metabolic data and anatomical data.

### 2. When is the deadline to apply for the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program?

We do not have a deadline; we accept applications at any time. Only applicants on the wait queue as of January 15 will be considered during the 1st round of acceptance letters for the fall semester start. We "clean up" the list after all seats have been filled and then we send out everyone's updated position that is left on the list. We can also inform students on the list of any changes in the Program at this time.

### 3. Do I need all my introductory courses to be complete before I turn in my application?

No, you can turn in your application at any time even if you do not have all your introductory course complete, but you will not be assigned a number in the wait queue until all your introductory courses are complete.

Wait queue numbers are assigned in the order in which applications are submitted and introductory courses are verified. It is also important to note that if program introductory courses change while in the wait queue you will be notified and will be required to complete the changes in introductory courses (prerequisites) but will NOT lose your number in the queue.

#### **4. How many students are admitted to the program each year?**

We do not exceed 24 students per cohort. A cohort will start each fall semester. Having said that, you should also know we email between 33 and 87 prospective students in the wait queue to fill the upcoming fall cohort.

#### **5. How does the college communicate with students?**

Once you submit your application, you will receive a district-wide Google-powered email account. We use this system to send all official college communications concerning selective admissions, class enrollment, financial aid, tuition due dates, and other important student information.

All students will need to check their new student e-mail accounts regularly **or** forward that e-mail to a personal email account to ensure that all official college communication is received.

Students may access their new e-mail accounts through the "Student Email" link, located in the upper right side of the navigation bar at [www.my.maricopa.edu](http://www.my.maricopa.edu).

Gmail login is via the student email log in [GoogleApps@Maricopa](mailto:GoogleApps@Maricopa).

Go to [my.maricopa.edu](http://my.maricopa.edu) and log in to your account. Click [First Time Users Start Here Need a MEID and password to log in.](#) to set up your student account. You may also edit your information (such as address, phone, etc.) here. Students may register for classes, add/drop classes, make payments, print class schedules, and view financial aid status and grades here as well help.

#### **6. How is the NMT core curriculum program structured?**

This is a full-time primarily-day program of eight (8) consecutive semesters. The first two semesters are completely at Gateway Community College campuses, the remaining six (6) semesters will be a combination of classroom at Gateway and clinical at Arizona Nuclear Medicine/computed tomography facilities.

#### **7. Can I work while taking the NMT Program?**

As adults you should know how to manage your time. Be advised that the NMT program is full-time, so plan accordingly. Attendance is required for all didactic and clinical courses.

#### **8. If I am a military veteran, what will Gateway do for me to get into the Nuclear Medicine program?**

As a military friendly program, we move (2) two military veterans to the top of our wait list for admissions into the program each fall semester, a copy of your DD214 will be required. Your application must be submitted/accepted by January to qualify for this advancement. You will still be required to complete all introductory courses before the start of the program. Send an email to [julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu) and [selectiveadmissions@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:selectiveadmissions@gatewaycc.edu).

#### **9. I live outside Maricopa County; is it possible for me to go to a clinical site closer to where I live?**

We do have clinical sites in Tucson, Yuma, and Prescott. We can make arrangements for you to do your clinical rotations at one of these sites. Do not contact any hospital without our permission; it must be a site we are contracted with and be approved by our accreditation. You are still responsible for having all the introductory course complete. If you like, you may contact the Program Director for an "Out-of-County" Request Form. Email Julie Bolin, Program Director, at [julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu). These positions must be approved by January 15th to be considered for the following fall semester.

#### **10. I heard about a "Flex Position" in the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program; what's that?**

Yes, this is available for students in the wait queue who can be flexible about where they will gain their clinical experience. Here is how it works: First, we count our "Out-of-County" approved students, next we take in two students on "Military Friendly" status; then accept the number of students that corresponds with the number of available in-county sites. Once we have the total number of in-county and out-of-county students, we can offer the next students in the wait queue positions in the didactic (classroom and lab) part of the program without knowing if they will be in-county or out-of-county for the clinical experience, to bring our cohort total 24 students. Flex students might even have their clinical experience postponed if no clinical sites are available. This option is possible because of program attrition and the fact we are always recruiting new clinical sites. This is not an option for everyone. **Students who are accepted into the NMT program as students 20-24 for the cohort will be considered flex students.**

#### **11. If I have a criminal record, will that prohibit me from being successful in this career?**

Possibly, since our clinical agreements with the healthcare facilities require that our students receive a Level-one Fingerprint Clearance Card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety and pass the Maricopa Community College District background check. Additionally, a student must not be listed on the Federal Government's Office of the Inspector General's Exclusion List. The Fingerprint Clearance Card;

process must be started before the program begins, but after you have received your acceptance letter and information packet. If you are concerned about your past it is recommended that you contact the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and/or the Nuclear Medicine Certification Board to see if you will be permitted to sit for board exams once you have graduated. You'll find their URLs below.

**At any time during the program, some clinical sites will require their own background check. If you fail a background check at any time in the program, it will lead to immediate program dismissal.**

## **12. Is there a national certification or a state license for Nuclear Medicine Technologists and/or Computed Tomography Technologists?**

Graduates of the BAS Nuclear Medicine and Computed Tomography have an opportunity for dual modality certification in Nuclear Medicine Technology and Computed Tomography through the NMTCB and ARRT. After successful completion of the BAS program, students are eligible to sit for either of the following national Nuclear Medicine exams:

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) [www.arrt.org](http://www.arrt.org)

Nuclear Medicine Certification Board (NMTCB) [www.nmtcb.org](http://www.nmtcb.org)

Graduates must successfully pass the NMTCB and/or ARRT nuclear medicine certification exam PRIOR to taking the NMTCB and/or ARRT Computed Tomography certification exam.

After completing the NMTCB and/or ARRT national registry exams for NMT and CT, persons who want to work in Arizona must also apply for state licensure.

## **Where can I find more information about Nuclear Medicine and Computed Tomography?**

The GWCC library has many books and periodicals on Nuclear Medicine Technology.

[Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

[O\\*Net Online](#)

[Society of Nuclear Medicine](#)

[Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board](#)

[The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists](#)

## **ACCREDITATIONS**

Gateway Community College is a Maricopa Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. For the latest information on programs, graduation rates and consumer information, visit [gatewaycc.edu](http://gatewaycc.edu).

The Gateway Nuclear Medicine Technology Program is accredited by the [Joint Review Committee on Education in Nuclear Medicine Technology \(JRCNMT\)](#).

## **CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

Students enrolled in program pathways of the HCIES will have learning experiences in health care settings where they will have access to confidential information. Prior to beginning any clinical studies, the students will be asked to sign agreements to adhere to the requirements of those clinical sites and applicable law, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

## **POLICIES, RULES, REQUIREMENTS, AND REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE**

- Policies, courses, programs, fees, and requirements may be suspended, deleted, restricted, supplemented, or changed through action of the Governing Board of the Maricopa Community Colleges.
- The Maricopa Community Colleges reserves the right to change, without notice, any materials, information, curriculum, requirements, and regulations.
- Admission or graduation from any Allied Health program at Gateway Community College does not guarantee the student's professional certification, licensure, or employability. The student must comply with legal requirements of the profession. This may include provisions from Arizona Revised Statutes 41-1758.03 (sections B and C) regarding the denial of a fingerprint clearance card or being listed on the US government's Office of Inspector General's Exclusion List.
- Students with related health care experiences not listed in the Program (Health Core Curriculum courses)

introductory/general education options, may request an evaluation for course competency equivalence by contacting the Health Careers Office at 602-286-8477 or by contacting Admissions and Records at 602-286-8200.

- Up to date Program material can be found online at <https://www.gatewaycc.edu/nuclear-medicine-technology>

## EEO STATEMENT

*The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the District*

*The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, <http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination>.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the enclosed program material, please feel free to contact any of the following:

Julie Bolin, Program Director. Contact at 602.286.8574 [or email julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu)

Tyler Thimsen, Radiation Safety Officer at 602.286.8513 email [tyler.thimsen@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:tyler.thimsen@gatewaycc.edu)

Lucy Granillo, Health Careers advisor contact at [Luciella.Granillo@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:Luciella.Granillo@gatewaycc.edu)

Carolyn Delgado, Health Careers advisor contact at [delgado@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:delgado@gatewaycc.edu)

Patricia Klein, Health Careers advisor contact at [patricia.klein@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:patricia.klein@gatewaycc.edu)

Visit our website at [www.gatewaycc.edu/nuclear-medicine-technology](http://www.gatewaycc.edu/nuclear-medicine-technology) for additional program information

## COLLEGE COMMUNICATION

### **The following information is very important so you do not miss any notices:**

We communicate with students strictly through your Maricopa College email, not your personal email account.

We have a district-wide Google powered email system. This system is the way we send all official College communications concerning selective admissions, class enrollment, financial aid, tuition due dates and other important student information.

All students will need to check their new student e-mail regularly or forward the new student e-mail to a personal e-mail to ensure that all official college communication is received.

Students may access their new e-mail accounts directly from their Student Center once they log in at [my.maricopa.edu](http://my.maricopa.edu). 1st section "Student Communication Center".

The benefits to you include:

Quicker response

Convenience. You can receive & read email even if out-of-town

Saves trees!

Go to [my.maricopa.edu](http://my.maricopa.edu) & log in to your account. Click on 'create an account' in the paragraph above the picture of the students to set up your student account. You may edit your information, such as address, phone, etc. here also if you need to. This is a self-service for students, which includes registering for classes, adding/dropping classes, making payments, printing your class schedules, viewing financial aid & viewing your grades. If you have any technical issues, please call 1-888-994-4433.

## HOW TO APPLY & ENROLL

### **GET ADMITTED - Create MEID Account and Apply for Admissions**

[maricopa.edu/admissions](http://maricopa.edu/admissions)

Provide proof of identity to the college at which you applied.

For tuition purposes, verify your residency status by providing a government issued ID.

Submit prior education (if applicable) i.e. high school and/or college/university official transcript.

Undecided on a major? Connect with [Counseling](#) and Career Services at your college.

Visit the campus to familiarize yourself with the services and resources.

Complete the FAFSA and scholarship applications at: [maricopa.edu/paying-for-college](http://maricopa.edu/paying-for-college).

### **TAKE THE PLACEMENT TEST - Prepare, Study, and Schedule Test**

[maricopa.edu/testing](http://maricopa.edu/testing)

Prepare by reviewing the sample questions at [maricopa.edu/testing](http://maricopa.edu/testing).

Placement test will ensure appropriate level of classes for enrollment.

The Placement Test is not a pass/fail exam.

The Placement Test is untimed and FREE.

Bring your government issued photo ID on the day of testing.

To review your test score results, ask for a Course Placement Chart.

### **GET ENROLLED Seek Academic Advisement**

Advisors will help with identifying courses and creating an Educational Plan to meet your academic goals:

<https://www.gatewaycc.edu/advisement>

Meet with a Health Careers Academic Advisors every semester prior to class registration.

Healthcare Programs – If you are currently not enrolled in one of GateWay Community College's Healthcare Programs you are **required** to attend one of the Healthcare Programs Information Sessions before meeting with an advisor. Please visit <https://www.gatewaycc.edu/virtual-sessions> to find out more about information sessions. If you are a new student, you must complete the Student Information Form found at <https://admissions.maricopa.edu/> before scheduling an appointment with Advising.

Advisor Appointments - for student inquiries or appointments, please email your specific question/need and your Student ID number to the following <https://www.gatewaycc.edu/advisement>, and the appropriate advisor will contact you within 24 hours.

Before you meet with an advisor, we recommend you check out the current Catalog to learn more about the programs that interest you. Let your advisor know if you have any questions or concerns.

If you have taken a class for college credit and you are interested in transferring credits to GateWay, you may better prepare if you have your official transcripts (from all colleges & schools previously attended) sent to:

GateWay Community College  
Attn: Admissions & Records  
108 N 40th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85034-1704

Bring a copy of your transcripts to review with your advisor. Your advisor can help you choose courses that will apply to most degrees and give you an introduction into your areas of interest.

### **PAY TUITION AND FEES**

#### **Explore Payment Options**

[Maricopa.edu/paying-for-college](http://Maricopa.edu/paying-for-college)

Monitor your Student Center for current balance and pay on or before due date.

Explore paying for college at [maricopa.edu/paying-for-college](http://maricopa.edu/paying-for-college).

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

Explore college websites for [scholarships](#), such as the [Presidents' Scholarship](#) and more.

### **REVIEW PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Each of our Health Science programs has unique requirements. We strongly encourage you to review the program packets and the current catalog for any specialties that you might consider. These resources will provide you with detailed program information regarding introductory/general education courses and application procedures.

### **PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Many of Gateway Community College's Health Science programs have a special admissions procedure. The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program information packet contains detailed information regarding this process. Please be sure to review this information to ensure that your application materials are complete. You will receive notification of your acceptance via e-mail. This will arrive through the **Maricopa email account** set up when you received your MEID. So, you will want to check this account regularly, or have it forwarded to an account which you do check often. Keep your contact information current with Gateway Community Colleges Admissions and Records department.

Student Services

Some of the services available to students are:



**Advising** – Visit <https://www.gatewaycc.edu/advisement> for more information  
[Healthcare Enrollment Checklist](#)

**Bookstore** – Textbooks and supplies for classes. Call 602.286.8400 or visit [www.efollett.com](http://www.efollett.com) and select “College Textbooks.”

**Counseling** – Academic, personal, or career counseling available. Call 602.286.8900.

**Employment** – Upon completion of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program, contact Career and Re-Entry Services at 602.286.8500 for assistance.

**Financial Aid** – Available for qualified students. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 602.286.8300 or visit the following link:  
[Financial Aid](#)

**Student Assessment Center** – Services include instructor makeup exams, the English, Math, and Reading COMPASS placement tests, and selected instruments required for acceptance into the Health Science or Nursing programs. Call 602.286.8160 for specific days and times tests are available.

**Learning Center- FREE academic tutoring** and a variety of learning support to enrolled students. The Learning Center is located on the second floor of the IE building in IE2108. [ltutoring@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:ltutoring@gatewaycc.edu), (602) 286-8800

For a complete listing of student services, please refer to the [College Catalog](#), or the college website [www.gatewaycc.edu](http://www.gatewaycc.edu), or call College Information at 602.286.8200.

## APPLYING TO THE NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Step 1: Go to <https://my.maricopa.edu/> and apply for college admissions

Step 2: Complete the program application. Follow these instructions.

The application is in the application and information packet

Throughout the application process all communication will be through your Maricopa email account

It is highly recommended that you take NUC 100 when considering Nuclear Medicine as your career choice. This 1 credit introductory course is an introduction to Nuclear Medicine

Applications are accepted at any time and you will be entered into the program wait queue.

If there is any information about the program it will be shared with all program applicants in the wait queue through the My. Maricopa email address

Official transcripts must be sent to the Admission and Records Department at GWCC

If your introductory courses are not complete at the time of submitting your application, you must email [selectiveadmissions@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:selectiveadmissions@gatewaycc.edu) as you complete each class, so your application can be updated

Step 3: Mid-January we begin sending acceptance letters and acknowledgement forms to applicants in the wait queue. We accept a maximum of 24 students per fall cohort. The acknowledgement form must be returned by the date stated in the acceptance letter. **Students accepted to the cohort as numbers 20-24 will be considered flex students.**

NOTE: Students are accepted through the wait queue, and are given a number in the queue as they finish their introductory courses. There are two exceptions to this rule. The “Out of County” policy and the “Military Friendly” policy. To accommodate students living outside the metro Phoenix area we have an “Out of County” policy that moves students who live outside the metro Phoenix area or are will to attend the clinical rotations outside the metro Phoenix area (Maricopa County) the opportunity to move up the list. To apply for an “Out of County” program seat, check the YES box on the application and email the program director [Julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu](mailto:Julie.bolin@gatewaycc.edu) to discuss opportunities for out of county placement. The program director will work with selective admissions on when you will be admitted to the NMT/CT program.

We are a “Military Friendly” program. For each program cohort we will move a maximum of two (2) military applicants who have documented their application appropriately and included a copy of their DD214 to the top of the queue.

We have another designation of students during the admission process call the “flex” student. Once we have filled the program with our “Out of County” students, Military students, and application queued students for the remaining number of within the Metro Phoenix area clinical slots, we accept “flex” students. These students are guaranteed a didactic seat in the program but their clinical sites might be within or outside the Metro Phoenix area. They need to be “Flexible” about where they will attend clinical. **Students who are accepted into the NMT program as students 20-24 for the cohort will be considered flex students.**

Step 4: Once all the seats are filled for the fall cohort and letter from the program director will be sent an email giving details about program orientation mentioned in the acceptance letter.

Step 5: Attend program orientation. Students who do not attend the mandatory program orientation meetings will be removed from the cohort and placed back in the wait queue.



Step 6: Program begins with the fall semester.

Step 7: The applicants in the wait queue receive emails to see if they want to remain in the queue, and applicants are given their new number in the queue.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

**GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
108 N 40th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85034-1704 / 602.286.8200

**An official transcript from each attended college must be sent to the GWCC Admissions & Records Office.**

**Please print clearly.**

LEGAL NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

ADDRESS (STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

FORMER NAME(S) which may appear on transcript(s)

CELL PHONE NUMBER ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER

PERSONAL E-MAIL ADDRESS MARICOPA COLLEGE EMAIL

STUDENT ID DATE OF BIRTH

Are you currently enrolled in college? Yes  No  If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a United States veteran? Yes  No   
Attached a copy of DD214

Are you applying as an out of county Student? Yes  No

Are you applying as a "FLEX" Student? Yes  No

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that the above answers are true, correct and complete. I understand that any falsification or intentional misrepresentation of information on this application may be cause for dismissal from the Nuclear Medicine Program and from the college. I understand that it is my responsibility to keep the Admissions/Selective Admissions Office notified of any changes of information stated on this application. I have read and understand the information in this program packet.

Signature

Date

**EMAIL APPLICATION AND THE ADMISSION APPLICATION DISCLAIMER TO:**

GateWay Community College  
Selective Admissions  
Selectiveadmissions@gatewaycc.edu  
108 N 40th Street / Phoenix, Arizona 85034-1704

## ADMISSION APPLICATION DISCLAIMER

Your admission to the GateWay Community College Nuclear Medicine Technology Program is no guarantee that you will receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology from the College. Completion of the Nuclear Medicine Program is not the sole criterion for obtaining certification to practice. Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technology) or the NMTCB (Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board), and you must satisfy those requirements independently of graduation requirements for the College. State licensure is also independent of program completion.

I have read and understand the Admissions Application Disclaimer.

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Signature

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Date

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Print your name here

**This Disclaimer will become a part of your permanent Program record.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID

**NOTES:**

Students must complete the following introductory courses with a **3.0 GPA** to be added to the queue of those waiting for an available cohort space to begin the core curriculum: BIO201, BIO202, [(CHM130 and CHM130LL) or CHM130AA or (CHM138 and CHM138LL)], (ENG101 or ENG107), (ENG102 or ENG108), (MAT15+ or equivalent course or satisfactory completion of a higher-level algebra mathematics course), NUC100, [PHY101 or (PHY111 and PHY112)]. **ENG102 and NUC100 have to be completed with a "B" or higher.** The remaining introductory courses in the following list must be completed with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and with a final grade of "C" or better.

NOTE: Until program introductory courses are completed, students are only eligible for conditional admission to the program. All introductory courses must be completed prior to starting the Nuclear Medicine Program of Study. The Health Careers advisors are happy to meet with you and develop a schedule to take your program general education and introductory courses.

Any changes in introductory courses will be the responsibility of the student to complete prior to the start of the program. We encourage students to complete an application so we can keep you informed of any program changes.

Box	Course #	Course Title / Credits	Course # Taken or Transferred or Assessment	Semester Completed	Grade
	+BIO 201 +BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4) <b>AND</b> Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4)			
	+CHM 130 +CHM 130LL +CHM 130AA +CHM138 +CHM1138LL	Fundamental Chemistry (3) <b>AND</b> Fundamental Chemistry Laboratory (1) <b>OR</b> Fundamental Chemistry with Lab (4) <b>OR</b> Chemistry for Allied Health (3) <b>AND</b> Chemistry for Allied Health Laboratory (1)			
	+ENG101 EN107	First-Year Composition (3) <b>OR</b> <b>First Year Composition for ESL (3)</b>			
	+ENG 102 +ENG 108	First-Year Composition (3) <b>OR</b> First-Year Composition for ESL (3)			
	+ <b>NUC 100</b>	Introduction to Nuclear Medicine Technology (1)			
	+PHY 101 +PHY 111 +PHY 112	Introduction to Physics (4) <b>OR</b> General Physics I (4) <b>AND</b> General Physics II (4)			
	+MAT 150 +MAT 151 +MAT 152 +MAT 155 +MAT 156	College Algebra/Functions (5) <b>OR</b> College Algebra/Functions (4) <b>OR</b> College Algebra/Functions (3) <b>OR</b> College Algebra/Functions with Review <b>OR</b> College Algebra/Functions with Review <b>OR</b> Equivalent course or satisfactory completion of a higher-level mathematics course			
	+COM 263	Elements of Intercultural Communication (3)			
	+FYE 101 FYE 103	Introduction to College, Career and Personal Success (1) <b>OR</b> Exploration of College, Career and Personal Success (3)			

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### ***Overview of the Requirements***

In order for students to be admitted to or maintain enrollment in good standing in Maricopa County Community College District's ("MCCCD") Allied Health and Nursing programs ("Programs"), students must provide with their application to a Program all of the following:

A copy of an Arizona Department of Public Safety Level-One Fingerprint Clearance Card ("Card"). Students are required to pay the cost of applying for the Card. Cards that are NOT Level-One status will not be accepted.

An original version of the "**Criminal Background Check Disclosure Acknowledgement**" form attached to this Summary signed by the student.

At all times during enrollment in a Program, students must obtain and maintain BOTH a valid Level-One Fingerprint Clearance Card and passing disposition on supplemental background check performed by MCCCD authorized vendor. Admission requirements related to background checks are subject to change as mandated by clinical experience partners

### ***Implementation of the Requirements***

Students that are denied issuance of a Card may be eligible for a good cause exception through the Arizona Department of Public Safety. It is the student's responsibility to seek that exception directly with the department. Until the student obtains a Card and meets the other requirements for admission, he or she will not be admitted to a Program.

Students admitted to a Program whose Card is revoked or suspended must notify the Program Director immediately and the student will be removed from the Program in which they have been admitted or are enrolled. Any refund of funds would be made per MCCCD policy.

The **Criminal Background Check Disclosure Acknowledgement** directs students to disclose on the data collection form of the MCCCD authorized background check vendor all of the requested information as well as any information that the background check may discover. Honesty is important as it demonstrates character. Lack of honesty will be the basis for denial of admission or removal from a Program if the information that should have been disclosed but was not would have resulted in denial of admission. Failure to disclose other types of information constitutes a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and may be subject to sanctions under that Code. Students have a duty to update the information requested on the [background check vendor] data collection form promptly during enrollment in a Program. The [background check vendor] data collection form may ask for the following information but the form may change from time to time:

Legal Name  
Maiden Name  
Other names used  
Social Security Number  
Date of Birth

Arrests, charges or convictions of any criminal offenses, even if dismissed or expunged, including dates and details.

Pending criminal charges that have been filed against you including dates and details.

Participation in a first offender, deferred adjudication or pretrial diversion or other probation program or arrangement where judgment or conviction has been withheld.

The authorized MCCCD background check vendor will be asked to pass or fail each student based on the standards of MCCCD's clinical experience partners that have established the most stringent requirements. The sole recourse of any student who fails the background check and believes that failure may have been in error is with the background check vendor and not MCCCD.

**Summary of Criminal Background Check Requirement**

*(Student Copy)*

*(Student: Sign and Attach to Application)*

All allied health and nursing students who seek to enroll in MCCCCD healthcare programs must complete a Criminal Background Check. The outlined criteria have been created based on MCCCCD's largest clinical experience hospital partners. These partners have stringent background check standards that preclude MCCCCD from assigning students to their sites who cannot meet those standards. In order for MCCCCD students to be able to continue to complete clinical experiences at local hospitals, students must meet

For persons wishing to enroll in a Program the person must meet the following standards:

Possession of a valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card. Students who currently possess a DPS Card that is another level will not be allowed entrance into a health care program. Students are required to pay the cost of obtaining this background check. If the Level-One Fingerprint Clearance Card is revoked or suspended at any time during the admission process or while enrolled in a MCCCCD healthcare program a student must notify the Program Director immediately and he or she will be removed from the Program. Please see the "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet for details regarding the DPS Card.

Each student must provide documentation that he or she has completed and "passed" a MCCCCD-supplemental background check through the approved vendor **AmericanDataBank/Complio**. Students are required to pay the cost of obtaining this background check. Students whose background checks are more than six months old on the date of beginning a healthcare program must obtain an updated background check. Students who have been in a Program for more than 12 months may be requested to obtain an updated background check. Please see the attached "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet for more details regarding the MCCCCD supplemental- background check.

The MCCCCD supplemental or the clinical agency background check may include but are not limited to the following:

- Nationwide Federal Healthcare Fraud and Abuse Databases
- Social Security Verification
- Residency History
- Arizona Statewide Criminal Records
- Nationwide Criminal Database
- Nationwide Sexual Offender Registry
- Homeland Security Search

By virtue of the MCCCCD supplemental background check, students will be disqualified for admission to a program or continued enrollment in a program based on their criminal offenses, the inability to verify their Social Security number, or their being listed in an exclusionary database of a Federal Agency or on a sex offender registry. Offenses that will lead to a "fail" on the supplemental background check may include but are not limited to:

- Social Security Search-Social Security number does not belong to applicant
- Any inclusion on any registered sex offender database
- Any inclusion on any of the Federal exclusion lists or Homeland Security watch list
- Any conviction of Felony no matter what the age of the conviction
- Any warrant in any state



Any misdemeanor conviction for the following-No matter age of crime

- violent crimes
  - burglary
- sex crime of any kind including nonconsensual sexual crimes pandering
- and sexual assault
  - any crime against minors, children, vulnerable adults including abuse, neglect, exploitation
- murder, attempted murder
  - any abuse or neglect
- abduction
  - any fraud
- assault
  - illegal drugs
- robbery
  - aggravated DUI
- arson
- extortion

- Any misdemeanor-controlled substance conviction last 7 years
- Any other misdemeanor convictions within last 3 years
- Exceptions: Any misdemeanor traffic (DUI is not considered Traffic)
- At all times students are in a program they must maintain BOTH a valid Level-One Fingerprint Clearance Card and passing disposition on the MCCCCD supplemental background check performed by the MCCCCD- authorized vendor.
- Admission requirements related to background checks are subject to change without notice.
- Some clinical agencies may require additional components of a criminal background check, other than those required by MCCCCD, as well as a drug screening. Students are required to pay for any and all criminal background checks and drug screens required by a clinical agency to which they are assigned
- Even though a student possesses a valid DPS Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card and has passed the MCCCCD supplemental background check, a clinical agency may decline to place a student due to information the clinical agency obtains in a background check it requires.
- If a clinical agency to which a student has been assigned does not accept the student based on his or her criminal background check, the student may not be able to complete the program.
- MCCCCD may, within its discretion, disclose to a clinical agency that a student has been rejected by another clinical agency.
- MCCCCD has no obligation to make attempts to place a student when the reasons for lack of placement are criminal background check issues. Since clinical agency assignments are critical requirements for completion of the program, inability to complete required clinical experience due to a student's criminal background check will result in removal from the program.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name

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Student ID Number

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Desired Health Care Program