HEALTH SCIENCES

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Because of the flexible program, I was able to schedule my lab time around my job and priorities at home. My degree from LMC has helped me to get a full-time position as a licensed dental assistant with a great dental practice helping people!

SALEENA ROTHFUCHS
SOUTH BEND

DENTAL ASSISTING

From routine checkups to cosmetic procedures and emergencies, there are lots of reasons people visit the dentist. With an associate degree from our Registered Dental Assisting program, you’ll be prepared to play many important roles within these busy health care offices. You might find yourself working alongside the dentist in an exam room, running the reception area, or working in the practice’s laboratory.

Unlike most programs where everyone graduates at the same time, the dental assisting program allows you to work at your own pace. So if you want to finish your classes and start working in a dental office as soon as possible, there is nothing to slow you down. If you need to work or attend to other responsibilities while you are in the program, that’s okay, too; there are two lab locations with varied hours for a students to attend. You will work on coursework in a classroom setting with dedicated instructors who have worked in dental offices themselves and gain hands-on practice in our labs. When you’re ready, you’ll continue to gain clinical experience as an intern in a local dental office. All of your hard work will prepare you to pass the Michigan state board exam for Registered Dental Assistants.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Once you pass your exam and start working, you can expect to earn about $36,000 per year. Plus, the need for dental assistants is expected to grow 14% by 2024, so your chances of getting and keeping a job are excellent!

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The program in Dental Assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is also accredited by the Michigan State Board of Dentistry.

PUT YOUR PASSION TO WORK IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Your future is secure in the health care industry. In a health sciences career, each day is a new opportunity to help men, women, and children live healthy lives. You might make smiles shine as a dental assistant, schedule appointments as a medical assistant, or snap x-rays as a radiology technician. You might work in a doctor’s office or in a hospital as a nurse, or in a drug store as a pharmacy technician.

As a student in the health sciences, you’ll Use life-like models in our labs to learn the hands-on tasks you’ll need to do your job. You’ll learn from teachers who are leaders in their fields, and remember what it was like when they were just starting out. As you make your way through challenging coursework and late night study sessions, you’ll feel confident that your hard work will pay off. An impressive 98% of our health sciences students land jobs after graduation!

Nearly half of local health care providers don’t have enough qualified applicants for licensed professional positions*

*Kinexus Health Care Survey Report, 2017

Employment Outlook information on the Internet at www.bls.gov

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NURSING

Nursing takes a special combination of compassion, medical knowledge, and strong attention to detail. As a nurse you might work in a fast-paced emergency room, with critically ill patients in an intensive care unit, in schools caring for children, or in a general practitioner’s office providing routine preventative care. Though it will take a lot of hard work and dedication to complete your degree, you’ll find that you’re well prepared to contribute in a field that is rewarding both emotionally and financially.

With a 100% placement rate, the LMC nursing program is one of the best in the state. It also has a very competitive application process. Class sizes are small, and taught by experienced, caring faculty with an average of 15 years of teaching experience. Most faculty members have been nurses for 20 years or more.

Lake Michigan College’s Nursing Education Center features a high-fidelity sim lab updated in January of 2017, including SIM Main 3G, SIM Baby, SIM Jr., and a birthing SIM model.

“Because of the Nursing program at LMC, I’m in a great position to transfer to get my BSN. I’m working as an RN at Lakeland Health, so I plan to attend online - I just need to decide which university is the best fit for me.”

DANA DELMURO
LMC Class of 2017

Transferring

If you want to get right to work after graduation, you can be very confident there will be a job waiting for you. Your associate degree from LMC will prepare you to transfer if you want to continue on to earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing; 41% of 2016 nursing graduates are already working on their BSN. You can earn your BSN in two years or less at these and other schools:

- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT
- BETHEL COLLEGE
- CHAMBERLAIN COLLEGE
- WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
- SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The average annual pay for a nurse is $67,490 and employment in the nursing profession is expected to grow 16% by 2024.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The Nursing associate degree is fully approved by the Michigan State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).

“It’s a great idea to get an associate degree in nursing at Lake Michigan College. Many of our nurses have started there, and then earned their bachelor’s degree while working at Lakeland. It’s an affordable head start to a successful nursing career.”

Debbie Lull
Lakeland Health
Executive Director, Clinical Operations and Nursing Quality
IMAGING
The ability to look inside a patient’s body in a noninvasive way is crucial to doctors’ ability to diagnose and treat diseases and other complications. If giving expectant parents their first glimpse at their unborn baby, or helping doctors find the source of a patient’s pain, sounds rewarding, consider a career in one (or more!) of the imaging professions.

Entry into the LMC imaging programs involves a competitive application process based on prior academic achievement and success in prerequisite classes. Once in a program, your coursework will involve a lot of science classes and hands-on use of the latest technology in our labs. Closer to graduation, you’ll work with real patients under supervision in local healthcare settings.

The imaging programs offered at Lake Michigan College are Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Radiologic Technology, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). You will find more details on each program in the following pages.

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY
Sonographers, also called ultrasound technologists, are an elite group of medical professionals who use ultrasound technology to see the body’s organs, tissues, blood vessels and musculature. They work in hospitals, outpatient centers and doctors’ offices. The high-frequency sound waves used in medical sonography provide live, action shots of organs like a fetus moving, or blood pumping so that doctors can fully understand what is happening inside the body.

As a sonographer, you are responsible for capturing images on high-tech equipment, but also for providing a comfortable patient experience and collaborating effectively with radiologists and other physicians.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK
Pursuing an associate degree in diagnostic medical sonography takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Good news! Employment in the field is expected to grow 39% by 2022 and the average pay for a sonographer is an impressive $68,970 per year!

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION
The Lake Michigan College Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of Joint Review Committee for Diagnostic Medical Sonography.
Scholarships Available!
Visit lakemichigancollege.edu/scholarships to learn about Health Sciences scholarships and other ways to help make college more affordable.

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

As a radiologic technologist, you’ll take the images radiologists analyze to determine if a bone is broken or if a patient has cancer. Using x-ray imaging, you’ll play an essential role in making sure patients get the treatment they need. But your duties won’t end there. Radiologic technologists also perform administrative tasks such as maintaining patient records, scheduling appointments, and analyzing and keeping track of images. You might find yourself working in a hospital, doctor’s office or outpatient imaging center.

At Lake Michigan College, students learn in energized labs with current technology and life-like mannequins and learning models. The faculty work as radiologic technologists and understand the hiring dynamics locally.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK
The future of radiologic technology is bright! Employment in the field is expected to grow 21% by 2022 and radiologic technologists earn an average of $58,120 per year.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION
LMC’s Radiologic Technology program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)

As a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologist, you’ll be responsible not only for capturing three-dimensional images using high-tech equipment, but for ensuring patients remain safe and comfortable throughout the procedure. MRI technologists work in doctors’ offices, hospitals, and imaging centers. Some even work in mobile clinics, which are big buses outfitted with MRI equipment.

The classroom work for Lake Michigan College’s MRI program is primarily online, so students have the flexibility to complete their degree around their work and home schedule. (Students may be required to attend two to three meetings during the program in Grand Rapids or Battle Creek.) Clinicals are available on-site with local healthcare providers.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK
You will be rewarded financially for all your hard work and effort. MRI technologists make an average of $67,720 per year. There’s more great news! Employment in the field is expected to increase 21% by 2022, so you should have no trouble finding a job.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION
The Certificate and Associate in Applied Science MRI programs are approved by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).
PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN

Phlebotomy technicians play a crucial role in keeping people healthy by drawing blood for tests, transfusions, research, and donations. But being good with a needle is only one part of this important job; your patients will also need you to be friendly, communicate well, and help them feel calm if they are anxious.

The blood you draw could tell doctors whether or not a patient has a life-threatening disease or it could save the lives of people who need transfusions. As a phlebotomy technician, you’ll be responsible for making sure blood is labeled and handled properly. There are many things you will need to know to keep yourself and your patients safe. Through classroom lectures, lab demonstrations and hands-on experience, you’ll learn laws and ethical standards, infection control practices, safety guidelines, specimen collection techniques and quality assurance methods. All of this work will make you eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association certification exam.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Once you pass your exam, you can be confident you’ll find a job. Employment of phlebotomy technicians is expected to increase by 25% between 2014 and 2024. If you choose this career path, you can expect to earn around $31,500 annually.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Community members count on pharmacies for medications that prevent serious health problems and help them feel better when they are sick. Pharmacy technicians play a crucial role in helping pharmacies meet patients’ needs. Whether working in a pharmacy within a hospital, grocery store, or retail store, pharmacy techs do everything from taking orders for prescriptions to accepting payments and filing insurance claims.

Becoming a pharmacy technician will require work in the classroom and participation in clinical experiences under the supervision of a pharmacist. You’ll learn the skills you need to complete important tasks such as packaging and labeling prescriptions to make sure patients get the correct dosage. You’ll also learn basic business skills and even how to manage inventory to make sure the pharmacy doesn’t run out of a medicine a patient might need.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

You may choose to complete a 51-credit Advanced Certificate, or apply for a 64-credit Associate in Applied Science degree. The median salary for pharmacy technicians in 2015 was $30,410 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
As much as 35% of the local nuclear energy workforce is expected to retire over the next 10 years.*

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE
Start your career in assisted living health care as a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA). This program allows students to be qualified to take the Michigan CNA Exam in less than one semester. The program is seven weeks (six weeks of classroom work and one week of clinicals). Taught by a registered nurse, the CNA program at LMC is a great first step in a health care career.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
The EMT program at Lake Michigan College will prepare you to provide pre-hospital emergency care. This program is an EMT-Basic Michigan Department of Community Health approved course. It provides the information and experience necessary to prepare the student to sit for the National Registry Basic EMT Certification exam.

MEDICAL ASSISTING
If you like working with people and have a knack for multitasking and organization, consider a degree or certificate in medical assisting. No two days as a medical assistant are the same. With a mix of administrative and clinical skills, you’ll be called upon to make the front desk run smoothly and to work directly with patients in treatment rooms.

A medical assistant’s administrative tasks include greeting patients, answering phones, completing insurance forms and handling billing. Clinical responsibilities range from interviewing patients about their medical histories to drawing blood and changing bandages. You’ll learn all of these skills from dedicated instructors in our classrooms and labs. After using lifelike models for your clinical experiences, you’ll have an opportunity to work under supervision in a clinic, physician’s office or hospital before you graduate.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK
The job opportunities for credentialed medical assistants are almost limitless in the growing health care field. If you do well in your classes and demonstrate your desire to be a valuable part of the medical team, you’ll have no trouble finding a job. The demand for medical assistants is expected to grow 23% between 2014 and 2024. In 2015, the average pay for a medical assistant was $14.71 per hour.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION
The Medical Assisting Certificate Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Medical Assistant Education Review Board (MAERB).
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