

**PREPARATION at COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
For ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

PRE-ALLIED HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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The term "allied health" is used to describe a diverse group of health related occupations other than physician, veterinarian, optometrist, and pharmacist which address many necessary functions in the health care system. Individuals in the allied health fields assist, facilitate and complement the work of physicians and other health care professionals. Many of these professions are a response to the specialization and rapid advancements in health care technologies. Some of these professions require only two years of training while others require up to 6-7 years of specialized training.

Coastal Carolina University offers prerequisite courses for Baccalaureate and Master's and Doctoral level allied health training, but we do not offer a degree in Allied Health. Our program focuses on preparing students to transfer to universities which offer a Baccalaureate degree, Master's degree or Doctoral degree in the health professions. These degree programs require a minimum of two to four years (60-122 semester hours) of prerequisite liberal arts education with appropriate science courses. After completing these courses at Coastal you must apply to, and be accepted by, the allied health program at a school of your choice before you can begin training for that profession.

The majority of students from Coastal Carolina University choose to further their education at the College of Health Professions at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Schools other than MUSC offer many of the same programs, as well as different, additional programs. However, the comments in this guide refer specifically to MUSC. Schools other than MUSC may have slightly different requirements. If you have information from other schools which interest you, we will be able to help you assess their prerequisite requirements also. Nonresidents of South Carolina are urged to investigate programs in their home state of residence where they may be more competitive in gaining admission.

There are many resources available if you want more information about various career options or about other institutions where programs are offered. The university's Office of Career Services and Kimbel Library have many of these resources. Website information and professional association addresses where you may write for more information are listed at the end of this guide.

Most academic institutions have web sites that explain their programs and you may find additional information by exploring the internet. Subscribe to the Allied health Listserv to receive notices or share public information.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS AT MUSC

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

The most recent trend is for universities to offer doctoral level programs in the clinical health sciences.

MUSC offers a DPT degree in Physical Therapy. This clinical degree does not require previous training or credential in Physical Therapy but it does require a baccalaureate degree with appropriate pre-requisites.

MASTER'S LEVEL PROGRAMS IN ALLIED HEALTH

Many Allied health fields have an "entry-level Master's degree" (i.e. the first degree needed for eligibility for the Board exams). These programs are open to students with a Bachelor's degree or at least 90 semester hours towards a Bachelor's degree, but who do not have previous credentials in the health professions.

MUSC now offers the following Master's Degrees for individuals without previous credentials in a health care field:

- Master of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences (specialization in Occupational Therapy or Communication Science & Disorders)
- Master of Science in Cytology and Biosciences
- Master in Health Administration
- Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

MUSC also offers a three-year Master's program in Nursing and a Nursing specialty. Coastal Carolina University provides an advisor specifically for pre-nursing students. These students should see Dr. Richard Moore for more information.

Examples of other different programs at other universities are:

Emory University Master's program in Anesthesiology/Patient Monitoring Systems;
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduate education programs in Rehabilitation Counseling or Speech & Hearing Sciences, doctoral programs in Physical Therapy;
University of South Carolina programs in Public Health, Gerontology or Genetic Counseling.

BACHELOR'S LEVEL PROGRAM

MUSC offers a bachelor's degree in Cardiovascular Perfusion.

ADMISSION TO A HEALTH PROFESSION PROGRAM

Acceptance into a health professions program is usually based on

- Completion of prerequisite courses and undergraduate degree, if applicable
- Your GPA, cumulative as well as for science courses
- Your score on standardized tests (GRE, GMAT or SAT)
- Documented volunteer or work experience in the field
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay

YOUR COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY MAJOR

Students interested in allied health professions should select a major and work toward a degree at Coastal. Most allied health programs require a bachelor's degree, while others do not. Programs that currently do not require a degree are being re-evaluated with the intention of including a degree as a prerequisite in the near future. So, plan your college curriculum with two equal goals---(1.) meeting the allied health requirements and (2.) earning a degree in a Coastal Carolina University major. There is no required major that insures admission into a program at MUSC or other university, although some majors clearly provide a better academic preparation and match. Therefore, you should select a major within an area of inherent interest to you. Most students with an interest in the health professions choose to major in biology, chemistry, psychology, or health promotion.

Some courses required for the allied health programs are not offered every semester, or are offered with limited spaces, and the schedule is subject to change. For example, CHEM 111, and PHYS 201 may be offered only during Fall semester and Summer I; CHEM 112 and PHYS 202 may be offered only during Spring semester and Summer II term. Maymester and Summer courses are on an irregular schedule; PLAN YOUR SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

Some MUSC programs begin in the summer so you must plan to finish all prerequisites in time to enter the program in May. These programs are: Communication Sciences & Disorders, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant.

Coastal Carolina University sets the prerequisites for its own courses. These prerequisites must be met by all students, including those pursuing allied health. Check the *Catalog* for course prerequisites.

PREREQUISITE GUIDELINES

PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS for the Allied health programs at MUSC are attached.

Note that the MUSC definition of Humanities and Social Science is NOT the same as Coastal Carolina University's distinction. Unless otherwise specified, MUSC considers Social Sciences to be: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. Coastal Carolina University considers the following to be in the Social Science category: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology (but not History). Unless otherwise

specified, MUSC considers Humanities to be: Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Literature, Speech, Philosophy, and Education. Coastal Carolina University considers the following to be in the Humanities category: Humanities, Literature (British, American or Foreign), Fine Arts (Music, Art History, Theatre), History, Philosophy and Religion. Students with foreign language credit at Coastal may use that credit as either humanities or elective credit at MUSC.

If you earn a D in a course, the credits will not transfer even though you will be considered by MUSC to have completed the course. Other allied health schools may not be as lenient.

A maximum of 4 semester hours of performance courses (e.g. in fine arts performance, physical education) will be accepted by MUSC.

Schools other than the Medical University of South Carolina may have slightly different requirements for admission to an Allied health program. You are responsible for obtaining information from those schools which interest you.

Students entering Coastal as transfer students should be aware that allied health programs will evaluate their entire college transcript (i.e. all college courses taken at all institutions). Only some programs will replace an earlier grade with a grade for a repeated course.

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

CAUTION: Consult MUSC sources for the latest updates!

CARDIOVASCULAR PERFUSION --- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Length of program: 2 years; Standardized Test required: GRE or SAT

6 credits English (ENGL 101 & 102)

3 credits Mathematics (MATH 130-PreCalculus is a prerequisites for CHEM 111-112)

8 credits Biology (BIOL 121-121L-122-122L); needed as prerequisite for additional biology courses)

4 credits Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 232 with lab)

8 credits Chemistry (CHEM 111-111L; 112-112L)

4 credits Organic Chemistry (CHEM 331-331L)

4 credits Physics (PHYS 201, with lab)

9 credits Social Sciences (2 subject areas)

9 credits Humanities (2 subject areas)

6 credits Electives (recommendations: accounting, speech, additional science, social science)

3 credits Medical Terminology (available by correspondence from Greenville Technical College: as AHS 102)

Total minimum of 60 Semester Hours

[note: most students admitted have well above the minimum number of hours required, usually a Bachelor's degree]

ALERT: There is some chance this program will eventually move to a Master's level, following the trend of all of the other MUSC programs. If this occurs, expect the number of prerequisite hours to increase, a switch to the GRE instead of SAT exam, and/or a lengthening of the program. Meanwhile, stay up-to-date.

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS: MASTER of SCIENCE in REHABILITATION SCIENCES

Length of program: 24 months; Standardized Test required: GRE
Bachelor's degree and the following courses are pre-requisites:

6 credits English (ENGL 101 & 102)

3 credits Mathematics; MATH 130

3 credits Computer Science; CSCI 105

3 credits Statistics (STAT 201/201L; PSYCH 225/225L; (Note: CCU Stat courses are 4 credits)

4 credits Biology (BIOL 121-121L)

4 credits Anatomy with lab (BIOL 232/L or 315/L)

4 credits Physiology with lab (BIOL 242/L or BIOL 360/L)

1 course in Social Science (anthropology, economics, history, sociology, political science)

1 course in Physical Science (chemistry, physics, geology)

CPR Certification required. You can achieve this by taking a Red Cross short course. Check the American Heart Association's BLS for Health Care Providers at <http://www.americanheart.org>

CYTOTECHNOLOGY --- MASTER of SCIENCE in CYTOLOGY AND BIOSCIENCES

Length of program: 21 months [5 semesters]; Standardized Test required: GRE (minimum score 1500))

Bachelor's degree and the following courses are pre-requisites:

6 credits English (ENGL 101-102)

3 credits Mathematics (MATH 130-PreCalculus is prerequisite for CHEM 111-112)

8 credits Biology (BIOL 121-121L and 122-122L; both courses are required before taking any further Biology classes)

15 credits Biology, upper level, (*strongly recommended*: cell biology, genetics, molecular genetics; microbiology, human or comparative anatomy, human or comparative physiology)

8 credits Chemistry (CHEM 111-112, with labs)

MASTER IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, M.H.S.

Admissions criteria include:

Baccalaureate degree from accredited college or university, with competitive GPA (3.0 or higher preferred undergraduate GPA)

Competitive score on GRE (Graduate Record Exam) or GMAT (Graduate Management Aptitude Test) (scores no more than 5 years old)

Strong working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet, & database software, and an undergraduate course in statistics and microeconomics.

This degree is designed primarily for health professionals who wish to prepare for administrative roles and responsibilities in health care settings. Applicants should also have two to three years of experience working in the health care system. Evaluation of credentials is done on a case-by-case basis.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY discontinued at MUSC

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY --- MASTER of SCIENCE in REHABILITATION SCIENCES

Length of Program: 26 months; Standardized Test required: GRE

A Bachelor's Degree and the following courses are required as prerequisites:

3 credits Statistics (STAT 201/201L; PSYCH 225/225L; (Note: Coastal Stat courses are 4 credits)

4 credits Anatomy with lab (BIOL 232/L or 315/L)

4 credits Physiology with lab (BIOL 242/L or BIOL 360/L)

3 credits Human Growth and Development (PSYC 302)

3 credits Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 410)

3 credits in Sociology or Anthropology

CPR Certification is required. You can achieve this by taking a Red Cross short course. Check the American Heart Association's BLS for Health Care Providers at <http://www.americanheart.org>

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT --- MASTER OF SCIENCE in PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Length of program: 27 months; Standardized Test required: GRE, including writing component

A Bachelor's Degree and the following courses are required as prerequisites:

6 credits English (101, 102)

3 credits Mathematics (MATH 130-PreCalculus is prerequisite for CHEM 111-112)

3 credits Statistics (STAT 201/201L; PSYCH 225/225L; (Note: Coastal Stat courses are 4 credits)

4 credits Biology (BIOL 121-121L) BIOL 122/122L required for upper level biology courses

8 credits Chemistry (CHEM 111-112, with labs)

4 credits Organic Chemistry (CHEM 331 & lab)

4 credits Anatomy with lab (BIOL 232/L or 315/L)

4 credits Physiology with lab (BIOL 242/L or BIOL 360/L)

4 credits Microbiology (BIOL 330 with lab)

9 credits Social Sciences (2 areas; must include PSYC 101-General Psychology & 6 hrs Sociology and/or Psychology)

12 credits Humanities (2 areas)

Electives (recommended: communication, computer science; must be liberal arts & sciences and not professional or technical in nature)

PHYSICAL THERAPY --- DOCTORATE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

Length of Program: 36 months; Standardized Test required: GRE;

A Bachelor's Degree with a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and the following courses are required:

6 credits English (ENGL 101, 102)

3 credits Mathematics (MATH 160, if BIOL major)

3 credits Computer Science (CSCI 105)

3 credits Statistics (STAT 201/201L; PSYCH 225/225L; (Note: Coastal Stat. courses are 4 credits)

4 credits Biology (BIOL 121-121L)

4 credits Anatomy with lab (BIOL 232/L or 315/L)

4 credits Physiology with lab (BIOL 242/L or BIOL 360/L; (stand-alone courses, rather than A & P courses, are preferred)

8 credits Chemistry (CHEM 111-112 with labs)

8 credits Physics (PHYS 201-202, with labs)

9 credits Psychology (PSYC 101, PSYC 420 Child Psychology, PSYC 410 Abnormal Psychology)

3 credits Social Sciences (from: Economics, History, Sociology, Political Science)

9 credits Humanities (2 areas: Fine Arts, Speech, Foreign Language, Literature, Philosophy &

Religious Studies, Education)

Electives (Recommendations for additional electives for Physical Therapy: Ethics, Politics, History. Also, consider: Microbiology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Speech).

CPR Certification is required. You can achieve this by taking a Red Cross short course. Check the American Heart Association's BLS for Health Care Providers at <http://www.americanheart.org>

DOCTORATE IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, D.H.A.

Length of program:36 months

Admissions criteria include:

Post-baccalaureate professional degree in the healthcare field.

This degree is designed primarily for health professionals who wish to prepare for added administrative roles and responsibilities in health care settings. A Master's degree in Health Administration, Business Administration, Public Health, or Public Administration is preferred. In addition, you must have a suitable background in statistics, health finance, organizational behavior, health economics and epidemiology.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Students are urged to do volunteer work in their intended Allied health field. This is especially true for those interested in the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy or Physician Assistant programs. While a volunteer experience is highly recommended for Occupational Therapy and Physician Assistant programs, 100 hours of volunteer work are required for Physical Therapy. You may volunteer only a few hours per week (e.g. 3 hours per week), but you must be dependable and your activities should extend over a significant period of time. The experience component of your applicant profile is increasingly important for some programs, so you should make the most of this opportunity. Also, you should ensure that someone familiar with your performance can serve as a reference.

Students are responsible for finding their own volunteer opportunities. Some students may prefer to volunteer during the summer in their hometown, while others may seek an experience during the academic year. Academic credit is available to students if they wish to earn internship credit for their volunteer work. You may receive one credit of independent study for each 50 hours of volunteer work. You will be required to keep a journal of your work activities and prepare a case study from your work experience. Your volunteer supervisor will also be required to fill out an evaluation form at the conclusion of your internship.

Some volunteer programs may require you to pass a physical exam, show proof of immunizations, including a TB skin test, and attend an orientation session. Because local opportunities are limited, it is important to plan at least a semester ahead for your volunteer experience. Make an appointment with the volunteer coordinator to discuss your interests and class and work schedules.

APPLYING TO AN ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAM

Application forms are available from the admissions office of the school to which you are applying. There may be several options: applying on-line, downloading the form from a web site, requesting that a paper application be sent either by telephoning, visiting in person, or by an e-mail request. Each school will provide information on its process. You should apply during summer or early fall for the following academic year. The telephone for MUSC's Office of Enrollment Services is (843) 792-3281. The MUSC application requires you to assemble all of your materials and submit them as a packet; you should allow ample time to complete this important process and also submit it as early as possible. Deadlines may be shifted to a date earlier than in prior years or as listed in this guide. Some programs have "rolling admissions" where they accept an application at any time, but you are still urged to submit early.

You should be sure your application is complete by the deadline. Materials occasionally go astray. Allow plenty of time for transcripts, letters of reference, etc., to be sent or submitted to you. Use a full and correct address for all correspondence. Put your identification number on all items. Specify clearly for which program you are applying. Keep a copy of what you send. After sufficient time has passed that your file should be complete, check to be sure that all the materials have arrived at the admission's office. If not, track down the missing items [i.e. check with your references for letters of reference, the registrar for transcripts, etc.] and follow up until your file is complete. If the items were sent, it is possible the receiving office has filed them incorrectly. If all your efforts fail or if you receive no notification of the action taken on your application, see your advisor. MUSC is now using "self-completing" applications, which require you to send much of the material with your application. Be sure to allow at least two weeks (preferably longer) for your references to be written (but don't hesitate to remind your referee you are waiting for it).

Some applications require an ESSAY as a very important part of your packet. Keep a journal of your volunteer and/or relevant work experience. Start preparing early by jotting down points you might like to make in your essay---as they occur to you. Referring to your journal will be much easier than staring at a blank piece of paper waiting for inspiration!!! Examples include: your unique qualities that make you well suited to your chosen profession, work or volunteer experiences, how you reached your decision, people or incidents which influenced your choice, why you want to enter this field (besides the fact that you "want to help people"), special interests or aptitudes, and other ideas which may be appropriate for your essay. Record daily your impressions, emotions, personal reactions, etc., and not just a list of what you did. Then when it is time to write, you can select your strongest points and organize them into an essay which will make the admissions committee take notice. If the essay is part of the interview process (as it is for some programs) instead of part of the application packet, this exercise may still be valuable in preparing for the interview.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES are weighted heavily in the determination of your acceptance into most programs at MUSC. MUSC uses the highest score from a single sitting in the ranking process, so that you may take it more than once, if necessary (after sufficient time has lapsed) without penalty.

Master's and Doctoral programs typically require the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)-General Test. The GRE-General Test covers Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, and Quantitative Reasoning. MUSC still uses SAT scores only for the Bachelor's degree programs (i.e. Cardiovascular Perfusion), but you should remain alert to the possibility that this program may also switch to the GRE. The MUSC College of Health Professions does not require the AHAT (Allied health Admissions Test), a GRE-Subject Test or MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test). For more information on the GRE, see their web site: <http://www.GRE.org>.

Packets for the GRE are available in CCU's Academic Testing Center. The GRE General Test is offered in a computerized form. The computer-based tests can be scheduled year-round, subject to site availability, and must be taken in time for the scores to reach the admissions office by the application deadline. Make your appointment well in advance to take the computer-version test since the slots fill up rapidly, especially during the busiest months of November through January. Be sure to use test prep materials designed specifically for the computer test if you are taking the computer based test. Test prep assistance is available from several sources, including the Educational Testing Service (which administers the GRE), test prep books and computer programs, as well as (sometimes very expensive) commercial prep courses. Remember that the best preparation of all is to develop your skills throughout your academic career, but preparation for the style of testing can be beneficial.

Other institutions may have different policies from MUSC; you should learn what they are well in advance so you have time to meet the requirements.

ADVICE FOR REQUESTING A LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM A PROFESSOR

Your application form or information from the program may specify the types of people from whom you should obtain reference letters. Follow the guidelines! Most programs require three letters. Most will require at least one letter from someone in an academic setting. Some require a letter from a health professional who has direct knowledge of your performance in a health field (e.g. the professional who supervised your volunteer work or employment).

If it is to be mailed directly, provide a self-addressed stamped envelope. Address it as directed on the application and use the professor's name and office address for the return address.

Fill in and/or sign the required parts of the form. Put your student identification number on the form (even if it is not requested).

You are generally not required to waive your right of access to the letter, but most programs place greater credibility on a letter when you have.

Allow adequate time for a faculty member to complete and mail the letter. Do check with the institution(s) where you have applied to be sure your file is complete by the deadline. The evaluator should sign the back of the sealed envelope along the flap. If it is a "self-completed application" and the letter is given to you to place in your packet, do NOT open the sealed documents.

You can aid a faculty member in writing a more knowledgeable letter about you by providing the following information, in writing:

- full name and name used in class (if different);
- course(s)/semester(s)/year(s) when you had the professor;
other association with professor (e.g. as employee, volunteer, member of campus organization or committee, etc.);
- program(s) and school(s) to which you are applying;
- deadline---when letter is due;
- whether letter should be mailed directly to the program or if you will include it in your packet

Other information which *some* faculty find helpful includes:

- grade point ratio -- overall and science/math; transcript, esp. from schools other than Coastal;
- pertinent scores (SAT, GRE);
- volunteer experience; work experience; campus activities; other personal experience;
- a copy of your application or *curriculum vitae* or resume;
- a copy of your essay

CALENDAR GUIDELINES FOR ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS

Summer: Request/obtain application forms.

(applications may be available in early summer, but it often takes some time for them to be mailed; consider picking yours up in person or using the on-line application)

Plan to submit early in the fall.

Find out the application deadline dates and mark them on your master calendar!!!

Check on application deadlines for programs at other colleges. Obtain forms.

Attend meetings or information sessions for students interested in specific Allied health disciplines.

Also, many MUSC programs have regular or occasional information sessions. Watch for announcements or call them for information. Announcements are posted on biology department bulletin boards.

Applicants should request transcripts to be sent to MUSC by mid-semester (Do NOT wait for fall grades.)

Seniors planning to graduate should submit an application for graduation.

Use WebAdvisor to regularly monitor your academic progress. If you are missing a requirement when it is time to graduate, your graduation will be postponed.

Application Deadlines for MUSC programs: Check their web site for the latest information.

- October 15 Early Admission deadline: MUSC Physician Assistant Program
- November 1 Early Admission deadline: MUSC Communication Sciences & Disorders; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy
- December 1 Regular Application Deadline: MUSC Physician Assistant
- January 1 Regular Application Deadline: MUSC Cardiovascular Perfusion
- January 15 Regular Application Deadline: MUSC Communication Sciences & Disorders; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy
- April 1 Regular Application Deadline: MUSC Cytology
Late Application Deadline: MUSC Communication Sciences & Disorders, Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy (if space is available)
- June 1 Late Application Deadline: MUSC Cytology (if space is available)
- July 1 Late Application Deadline: MUSC Cardiovascular Perfusion (if space is available)

Completed application, including transcripts and letters of reference must be received by MUSC Office of Enrollment Services by the various deadlines. For programs with no specified deadline, it is still best to submit your application early (by mid-fall).

For programs which have an earlier deadline but are willing to consider fall term grades, an updated version of your transcript with fall semester grades should be sent after these grades are recorded, but you must have an earlier transcript on file by the deadline.

In March/April when you know the decision about your acceptance, please notify the allied health advisor in writing of the action taken on your application. Include: name, SS#, date, AH program, and action.

SOME USEFUL ADDRESSES and WEB SITES of Professional Organizations able to provide information about training programs in various medical fields:

The NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL, INC. <http://www.nhcollncil.org/>
1730 M Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036 Phone: (202) 785-3910
(publisher of "270 Ways to Put Your Talent to Work in the Health Field" and good source of much more information)

ALLIANCE OF CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONALS <http://acp-online.org>

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS' ASSISTANTS
<http://www.anesthetist.org>

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS <http://www.aapa.org>
950 N. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314-1534

AMERICAN ART THERAPY ASSOCIATION <http://www.arttherapy.org>
1202 Allanson Rd., Mundelein, IL 60060

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CLINICAL CHEMISTRY <http://www.aacc.org>
2029 "K" Street, N.W.; Washington, DC 20006

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE <http://www.aarc.org>

AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION <http://www.counseling.org>

AMERICAN MUSIC THERAPY ASSOCIATION <http://www.namt.com>
P.O. Box 80012; Valley Forge, PA 19484

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPY <http://www.aarc.org>
11030 Ables Lane, Dallas, TX 75229

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BIOANALYSTS <http://www.aab.org>

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKS <http://www.aabb.org>
8101 Glenbrook Rd; Bethesda, MD 20814

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS <http://www.aama-ntl.org>
20 N. Wacker Dr, Suite 1575; Chicago, IL 60606-2903

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANTS
<http://www.pathologistsassistants.org>

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS <http://www.ashp.org>

AMERICAN BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELING <http://www.faseb.org/genetics>

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS <http://www.achca.org>
325 S. Patrick St; Alexandria, VA 22314

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE EXECUTIVES <http://www.ache.org>
840 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 1103 W; Chicago, IL 60611

AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION <http://www.counseling.org>

AMERICAN DANCE THERAPY ASSOCIATION <http://www.adta.org>
2000 Century Plaza; Columbia, MD 21044

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION <http://www.dentalassistant.org>

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION <http://www.ada.org>

AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION <http://www.adha.org>

AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION <http://www.eatright.org>
216 West Jackson Blvd, Suite 800; Chicago, IL 60606-6995

AMERICAN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOC. <http://www.ahima.org>
919 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION <http://www.aiha.org>
345 White Pond Drive, Akron, OH 44320

AMERICAN KINESIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION <http://www.akta.org>

AMERICAN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS <http://www.amtl.com>
710 Higgins Rd, Park Ridge, IL 60068

AMERICAN MUSIC THERAPY ASSOCIATION <http://www.musictherapy.org>

AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION <http://www.aota.org>
1383 Piccard Dr., Rockville, MD 20849-1725

AMERICAN ORTHOPTIC COUNCIL <http://www.orthoptics.org>

AMERICAN ORTHOTIC & PROSTHETIC ASSOCIATION <http://www.aopanet.org>

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION <http://www.apta.org>
1111 N. Fairfax St, Alexandria, VA 22314

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY <http://www.asmusa.org>

1752 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2804

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CYTOTECHNOLOGY <http://www.asct.com>

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL PATHOLOGY <http://ascp.org>
(for blood banking, medical technology, clinical lab sciences)

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CYTOPATHOLOGY <http://www.cytopathology.org>

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY <http://www.asecho.org>

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF EXTRACORPOREAL TECHNOLOGISTS <http://www.amsect.org>

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS <http://www.asrt.org>

AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION <http://www.asha.org>
10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852

ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION & REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND & VISUALLY
IMPAIRED <http://www.aerbvi.org>

ASSOCIATION OF GENETIC TECHNOLOGISTS <http://www.agt-info.org>

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL ILLUSTRATORS <http://www.medical-illustrators.org>
1819 Peachtree St, NE, Suite 560; Atlanta, GA 30309

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH <http://www.asph.org>
1015-15th St, N.W., Suite 404, Washington, DC 20005

ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS <http://www.ast.org>
7108-C South Alton Way; Englewood, CO 80112

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE <http://www.atpm.org>

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
1911 N. Fort Myer Drive; Arlington, VA 22209 <http://www.aupha.org>

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS
<http://www.caahep.org>

HEALTHCARE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION <http://www.hfma.org>
2 Westbrook Corporation Center; Westchester, IL 60154

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Additional Web Sites:

Medical University of South Carolina Student Information <http://www.musc.edu/students.shtml>

US News & World Report issue on Graduate Schools (including Allied health)

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Occupational Outlook Handbook (for professional & technical professions, including many in health care) <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocol002.htm>

Peterson's Guide to Graduate Programs <http://www.petersons.com>

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