



## Approved Healthcare Credentials for the PCC Nursing Program

The following healthcare certifications have been approved by the Nursing Department for the 2026 application cycle. Domestic and international certifications will be considered. Only by uploading the required supporting documentation to the PCC, NCAS application prior to the February 16, 2026 deadline, will applicants be awarded points. This list gets updated annually and was last updated in August 2025. For additional information about the selection criteria, please review the program admissions guide at: [pcc.edu/programs/nursing/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2020/06/advising-guide.pdf](https://pcc.edu/programs/nursing/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2020/06/advising-guide.pdf).

If you already possess a certification that is not on this list, email the certification name, credentialing body, and job description to [admissions@pcc.edu](mailto:admissions@pcc.edu).

Please visit [pcc.edu/nursing](https://pcc.edu/nursing) frequently to ensure you have the most up-to-date application materials.

Applicants are **strongly** encouraged you to meet with someone in Career Services to get assistance in choosing the right certification for you. This list contains numerous opportunities to gain healthcare work experience. Taking time to do research is important. To make an appointment with Career Services, visit [pcc.edu/careers/contact-us/remote-services-request/](https://pcc.edu/careers/contact-us/remote-services-request/).

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AAPC Coding	Lifeguard Certification
Addiction Counseling	Limited X-Ray Certification
Addiction Recovery Mentor	Medical Assistant (AAMA & AMT) (CCMA)
Adult Foster Care Basic Training	Medical Interpreter
Air Ambulance Attendant/Flight Paramedic	Medication Aide (CMA)
Ayurvedic Practitioner Certification	Manager, Healthcare Certification Team
Basic Mental Health Associate, QMHA-I	MD - International
Behavioral Therapist (BT, BCAT)	Medical Billing/Coding
CARES Dementia Basic & Advanced	Medical Lab Technician
Chiropractic Assistant	Medical Receptionist
Chiropractic X-Ray Technician Registration	Medical Scribe
Clinical Exercise Physiologist	Military Medic
Community Health Worker (CHW)	Newborn Hearing Screener
Contact Tracing	Nursing Assistant
Counselor Agency Affiliated Registration	Ophthalmic Assistant (COA or COT)
Dental Anesthesia Assistant	Optometric Vision Therapist
Dental Assistant	Ophthalmic Medical Technician
Dental Hygienist	Ophthalmic Scribe Certification
Dentist	Optician Assistant Training (Eye Technician)
Doula (Birth, Postpartum, & Hospice/Death)	Oregon Intervention System Training
Emergency Medical Dispatching (911 Dispatch)	Paramedic
Emergency Medical Responder	Patient Access Specialist
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	Pharmacy Technician
EOU Healthcare Administration Certification	Phlebotomy Technician
Esthetician (Medical Setting)	Physical Therapy Aid/Coach
Gerontology Advanced Behavioral Care	Personal Trainer
Gerontology Cognitive Care	Professional Midwife (CPM)
Gerontology End of Life Care and Support	Recovery Mentor
Gerontology Therapeutic Horticulture	Residential Care Facility Administrator
Group Fitness Instructor	Radiologic Technologist
Healthcare Access Associate	Registered Behavioral Analysis Interventionist
Healthcare Aid	Registered Behavioral Technician
Healthcare Certificate (Medical Professions at PCC)	SPED - Teacher's Aide
Healthcare Interpreter	Sterile Processing Technician
Health Education Specialist	Surgical Technician
Health Information Management	Tissue Banking Specialist
Hemodialysis Technician	Telemetry Technician
Herbalism Professional	Traditional Health Worker
HIV/HCV Testing/Counseling Skills Certificate	Veterinary Technician
Lactation Certification	Wilderness First Responder
Licensed Massage Therapist (Medical Setting)	Yoga RPYT
Licensed Practical Nurse	