

## Center of Excellence at STLCC



St. Louis Community College (STLCC) is a leading provider of healthcare education in Missouri. Our students represent nearly half of the region's healthcare jobs. We work closely with employers to meet their workforce needs to serve better our community.

### Current State of the Regional Healthcare Workforce

- Over the past ten years, the **growth rate for healthcare jobs was 14%** compared to 1% for all industries.
- **38% of healthcare employers** in the St. Louis region cited shortages of knowledgeable and skilled workers.
- **Over 47% of healthcare employers** are forced to hire less experienced workers.
- St. Louis vacancy rate for staff nurses is 19.1%, **higher than a statewide vacancy rate 18%**.

### Nursing and Health Sciences Programs:

- Clinical Laboratory Technology – one of the longest running in the region (1969)
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Emergency Medical Technology
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Paramedic Technology
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Care – one of the region's first fully accredited programs (1975)
- Surgical Technology – the region's first and longest running program (1978)

### The Center for Nursing and Health Sciences

STLCC is committed to investing, expanding and creating new programs in nursing and health sciences designed to address the healthcare workforce needs of the St. Louis region. The Center for Nursing and Health Sciences at our Forest Park campus is home to approximately 900 students in nursing and health sciences professions. It is the first new building constructed on our Forest Park campus in 20 years, a state-of-the-art learning environment featuring the latest technology.

The district-wide nursing program at STLCC is currently undergoing significant expansion. Our goal is to enroll 192 students on each of our 4 main campuses – Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec and Wildwood – increasing enrollment capacity by 75% over the next 3-5 years. **This will make STLCC one of the largest nursing programs in the region.** Thus, helping meet the growing workforce needs for registered nurses and other healthcare professionals.

A significant investment in the nursing program has created an opportunity to offer our nursing students a premier learning experience at an affordable cost. Our convenient locations offer accessibility for students throughout the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Our nursing program supports diversity and welcomes all students. **Our graduates achieved 93-94% National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) pass rates over the past two years, much higher than state and national averages.**



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### Featured Partners

STLCC has clinical affiliation agreements and partnerships with most of the area hospitals and clinics, including those in the **BJC, SSM, Mercy and St. Luke's** healthcare systems, for training nurses and other health sciences students.

**DePaul SSM** and STLCC are partnering on a new pilot program that will encourage high schools students to pursue careers in nursing and health sciences. Students will complete Certified Nursing Assistant training while in high school and prepare for entry into the nursing or health science programs at STLCC. DePaul SSM will offer select students scholarships and support as students complete their education at STLCC.

**BJC HealthCare's** Institute for Learning Development has partnered with STLCC since April 2019 to provide students with training in Patient Care Technician (PCT) and Medical Assistant (MA) opportunities. During the first year, the program enrolled 76 students across five cohorts. For many individuals interested in transitioning to a healthcare career, having to leave a job while learning the skills necessary can be a daunting barrier. STLCC's partnership with BJC HealthCare alleviates a student's need to choose immediate income over training. Students in the program have an opportunity to earn while they learn, and upon satisfactory completion, continue PCT employment with BJC.

### COVID-19 Rapid Response Retraining Program

With so many individuals losing jobs or being furloughed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and unemployment crisis, the College is offering innovative programs to retrain displaced workers for jobs in the healthcare sector. We are offering short-term credentials, such as non-credit training and Certificates of Specialization and Proficiency.



**Through the *Opportunity for All Campaign***, we invite industry leaders and employers to partner with STLCC on refining curriculum goals, educational competencies and on-the-job training to position our students as an essential part of the healthcare sector's workforce. Our programs aim to provide an increased pool of trained, work-ready healthcare professionals to meet the needs of St. Louis-area employers. Our goal is to raise \$11 million for the Center of Excellence for Nursing Health Sciences, Information Technology and Financial Services.

To learn more about the partnership opportunities with STLCC in the Nursing and Health Sciences sector, please contact Jo-Ann Digman, Executive Director of the STLCC Foundation at 314.539.5358 or [jdigman1@stlcc.edu](mailto:jdigman1@stlcc.edu).