

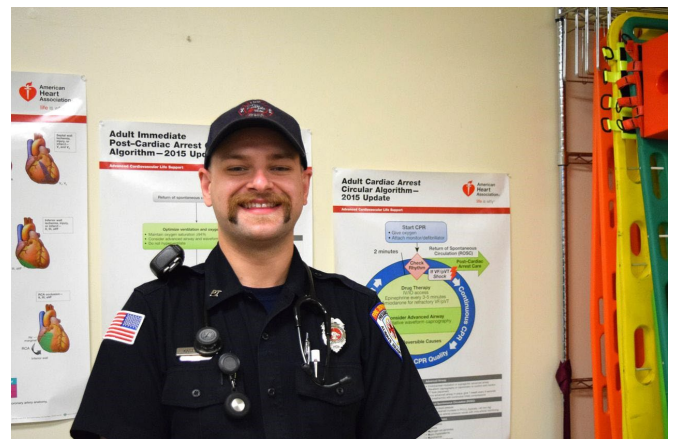


Maine's community colleges have long filled a critical role in preparing students for valuable, meaningful work in health care professions across the state.

- **Health care is the #1 academic program area for the system.** Since 2003, 11,470 students at Maine's community colleges have earned credentials in the health care professions. That's almost twice the size of the second largest program area, liberal arts and sciences, which has 5,796 graduates.
- **Six of our seven colleges offer nursing programs, including a new program at York County Community College.** Our colleges consistently post among the highest pass rates on the NCLEX, the national licensing exam.
- **We go way beyond nursing.** Behind every surgeon or specialist there's a small army of health care professionals needed to get the job done. We train medical assistants, physical therapy assistants, community mental health workers, child care and gerontology specialists, front-office staff, dieticians and more.
- **Don't forget the many Maine manufacturing jobs in health care!** During the pandemic, we quickly provided free training to 2,935 people to work at [Puritan Medical Products](#), which makes swabs used for COVID testing. We were proud to help Puritan meet a critical global need while supporting a 100-year-old Maine business and preparing Mainers for good jobs in a tough economic time.
- **Short-term training launches health care careers.** In addition to our 1-year and 2-year degree and certificate programs, we offer a wide range of short-term health care career training that takes only a few weeks or months to complete – usually at no cost. The training is offered in partnership with providers around the state, on our campuses and online. Last year our short-term training programs produced 185 phlebotomists, 2,935 people taking COVID safety classes, more than 40 drug/alcohol counselors, 50 medical assistants, and dozens of people each for CNA, EMS, critical care transport, and medical coding.



To address a critical workforce shortage, Northern Maine Community College is providing free EMS training in Patten.



Kasey Blue is working as a basic EMT with the Presque Isle Fire Department while pursuing his Advanced EMT certification.

HEALTH CARE

Advanced Emergency Care			C				
Adventure Therapy						A	
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician				C			
Behavioral Health Studies							A
Cardiovascular Technology					A/C+		
Community Mental Health							C
Community Paramedicine		C+		A/C+			
Emergency Medical Services/Paramedicine		A/C	A/C	A/C	A		
Exercise Science	A						
Forensic Social Work							A
Gerontology							A/C
Health Information Management			A				
Health Sciences			C		A		
Health Studies							A
Human Services	A	A/C			A/C	A	
Licensed Practical Nursing				C			
Medical Assisting	A	A/C	A/C	A	A/C	A	A
Medical Coding/ Electronic Health Records	A/C		C	C			
Medical Office Specialist			C				
Medical Office Technology		A				C	
• Health Care Secretary		C					
Mental Health			A/C				
Nursing	A	A	A	A	A		A
Nutrition and Dietetics					A		
• Dietetic Technology					A		
Occupational Therapy Assistant			A				
Phlebotomy			C			C	
Physical Fitness Specialist	A						
Physical Therapist Assistant			A				
Psychology			A				
Radiologic Technology/ Medical Radiography		A/C+	A		A		
Respiratory Therapy Technology			A		A		
Social Science	A/C						
Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Technician		C					
Surgical Technology		A			A		

(A = Associate Degree, C = Certificate, C+ = Advanced Certificate)



NMCC's nursing program got the call and delivered. The college delivered spare hospital beds from their nursing program to hospitals in their community to support the immediate need to care for patients.