Program Description:
The Associate of Applied Science in Health Studies is designed to offer students interested in working within the health care field an opportunity to attain the associate degree. Students acquiring this degree would be able to pursue advancement opportunities within varied health care settings. Examples of positions that would be applicable include: Billing Supervisor, Patient Service Representative, Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Supply Manager, and Allied Health Instructor. This program is especially advantageous for students who have completed certificates of competency and proficiency programs offered by the Allied Health and Nursing department and wish to complete a degreed course of study. The program offers a broad view of health care related topics while providing basic liberal studies foundation.

Program Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Know the terminology and bio-psycho-social foundations related to the function of the human body.
- Discuss the bio-psycho-social and economic principles that guide and govern health care delivery systems.
- Demonstrate the analytic and critical reasoning skills necessary to function effectively in health care settings.
- Utilize skills and knowledge related to proficiency in health care computer applications.
- Analyze the ethical and legal issues related to health care.
- Explain aspects of and factors related to current trends and in health care management and delivery.
- Advance personal career paths and interests related to employment in health care.
- Communicate effectively and appropriately in oral and written exchanges.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the issues and practices applicable to health information.

Semester by Semester Plan:

Semester 1:
ENG 100
BIO 150
PSY 140
SOC 110
Social Science Elective or Humanities Elective

Semester 2:
ENG 112
BIO 151
PSY 220
PSY 210

Nursing Students
Students accepted into DCCC’s Nursing Program who have completed all of the above courses will need to complete 41 additional credits in nursing coursework (below) to complete the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.
Fall Semester:
NUS 110

Spring Semester:
NUS 111

Fall Semester:
NUS 210

Spring Semester:
NUS 211

Health Studies Students:
** Students not accepted into the Nursing Program who opt to complete the Associate of Associate Science in Health Studies (HSTN) can do so by completing the following two semesters.

Third Semester:
DPR 100
AHM 102
AHM 233
BIO 100
Social Science or Humanities Elective

Fourth Semester:
AHM 140
AHA 207
MAT 120
AHA 209
BIO 220
Allied Health Elective

*Health Studies students must take one social science elective and one humanities elective.

Students not accepted into DCCC nursing program who decide to transfer to a BSN program may change major to HSCI for 2nd year.

Total Credits: 60-62