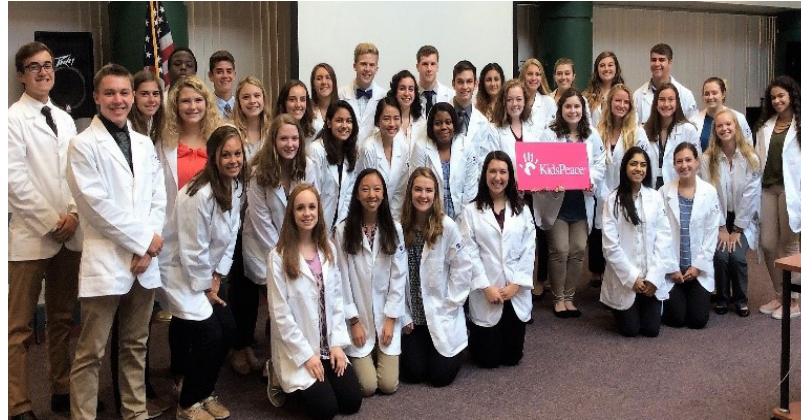


## PROGRAM PARTNERS



### Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is Pennsylvania's largest career and technical school and among the nation's best equipped. LCTI offers five areas of study encompassing nearly 50 programs that prepare students for success in college and their careers.



### Lehigh Valley Health Network

Anchored by hospitals routinely ranked among the best in Pennsylvania and the U.S., Lehigh Valley Health Network is the region's premier health care provider. LVHN has eight campuses, including four full-service hospitals.



### Lehigh Carbon Community College

Lehigh Carbon Community College is committed to providing high quality learning experiences that are affordable and accessible to the region's residents. LCCC offers nearly 100 certificate and degree programs with classes at six campuses.



### Penn State Lehigh Valley

Penn State Lehigh Valley provides a Penn State University education in a small campus setting that integrates individualized teaching, research and dynamic community outreach. Options include access to 160-plus academic programs offered through PSU.



## APPLICATION PROCESS & MORE

### HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute uses an online application process for the Emerging Health Professionals program. The application is accessible at [lcti.org](http://lcti.org). The application period varies from year to year, but typically runs from November to January. A committee of representatives from each of the four program partners evaluates applications. Students receive notice of their application status by mail, typically in March.

### WHO TEACHES THE PROGRAM?

The Emerging Health Professionals program teachers are:

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**“ One of the great things about EHP is it allowed me to get into the clinical setting and see how many different opportunities there are in the health care field. I got to shadow in different units and different hospitals — Country Meadows, St. Luke’s Hospital and, also, Lehigh Valley Hospital. ”**

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### WHAT IS IT?

Physician assistant, nurse practitioner, physical therapist — those are the job titles for three of the nation's top five, best paid and most-wanted professionals. All three earn a median annual salary of \$85,000 or better. Our Emerging Health Professionals program is a must-consider for rising high school seniors interested in these and other medical professions.

Made possible by the partnership of Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Lehigh Carbon Community College and Penn State Lehigh Valley, this intensive, dual-enrollment program is designed to give students a head start on college and expose them to a variety of health care careers through job shadows, hands-on training and clinical study at facilities across the region.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

In a typical school week, students spend one half day immersed in the program curriculum at LCTI, two half days in anatomy and physiology courses at LCCC or PSU and two half days shadowing health professionals or participating in other activities at Lehigh Valley Health Network, St. Luke's University Health Network, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation, KidsPeace and Country Meadows facilities.

Successful participants complete the program with at least eight readily-transferable college credits. Students also have opportunities to earn industry credentials that signal their readiness for higher learning to college admissions officers and prepare them to work in a variety of health care fields.



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Lehigh County high school juniors interested in the following health-related career fields, among others, should consider applying for admission to the Emerging Health Professionals program.

- Dental
- Medicine (MD/DO)
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Physiology
- Radiology
- Sports medicine
- Veterinary

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students who wish to apply for admission to the Emerging Health Professionals program must:

- Reside in a Lehigh County school district
- Be entering their senior year of high school
- Have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better
- Have an excellent attendance record
- Have completed biology and chemistry, each with a grade of B or better
- Have either scheduled trigonometry or completed it with a grade of B or better
- Have a written recommendation from their high school guidance counselor
- Meet academic prerequisites for Lehigh Carbon Community College and Penn State Lehigh Valley.

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Students selected for admission to the Emerging Health Professionals program are required to:

- Provide a health certification signed by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner
- Provide proof of up-to-date vaccinations, including COVID-19, flu and tuberculosis\*
- Complete orientation paperwork
- Pay the program deposit
- Commit to the program for an entire school year

\* Medical or religious exemptions are not accepted at our partner sites.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Students in the Emerging Health Professionals program are responsible for their Lehigh Carbon Community College or Penn State Lehigh Valley tuition, textbooks, lab fees, dissection kits, etc. Both LCCC and PSU offer tuition discounts for program students.

Students are also responsible for the purchase of a lab coat to be worn during job shadows, speaking engagements and industry visits. Vendor information is provided to students at the program orientation.

### IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

No, students in the Emerging Health Professionals program are responsible for their own transportation to all sites. Busing is not available. With written permission, students may carpool.



**“I think the most important thing about the Emerging Health Professionals program is the clinical exposure that you get. A lot of people who go into undergraduate preprofessional programs...end up spending a bunch of time, courses, money without knowing whether or not they want to be involved in clinical practice.”**

**ROBERT GYORY, MD • LVPG-EMERGENCY MEDICINE  
EMERGING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CLASS OF 2009**