



Health Sciences Collegiate Academy

What is the Health Sciences Collegiate Academy?

The Health Sciences Collegiate Academy (HSCA) is a FREE accelerated academic program found only in Lake County, Florida. Students in the HSCA program take college-level courses focused on STEM and Health Sciences, can earn an associate's degree, and participate in career exploration, all while still in high school.

What are the benefits of this program?

- Earn an Associate in Arts Degree and High School Diploma simultaneously.
- STEM or Health Sciences tracked pathways
- Professional Networking Opportunities
- Individualized Academic Advising and Coaching
- Career Exploration
- Hospital observations
- Job Shadowing Opportunities
- Hands-On Learning Activities
- Transferable college credits to all state colleges and universities in Florida
- Guaranteed UCF admissions upon completion of Associate in Arts Degree.
- Leadership and Community Service Opportunities
- Earn Community Service Hours for Bright Future Scholarships
- Opportunity to earn additional college credits towards prerequisite for Bachelor's Degree, up to 18 credits per Fall and Spring semesters
- Full-time college student status
- Flexible Schedules
- Take classes virtually or in person on the Leesburg or South Lake campus
- Free Tutoring
- Become CPR and AED certified for FREE

How does a student join the Two-Year Program?

11th - 12th grades Qualifications:

- Attend an information session
- 10th grader entering 11th grade, upcoming fall in Lake County
- Earn a 3.0 unweighted GPA
- Submit the HSCA application
- Maintain an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have qualifying scores on the PERT, SAT, and/or ACT by the end of 10th grade
- Behavioral expectations met as described in the LCS students code of conduct.

Two-Year Program Credit Hours Requirements

**Personal Growth
and Development:**
3 credit hours

Communication:
9 credit hours

Math:
6 credit hours

Humanities:
6 credit hours

**Social and
Behavioral Science:**
6 credit hours

Open Electives:
24 credit hours

Natural Sciences:
6 credit hours

College Credit: 60
High School: 15.5