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# Media Release

## **CCSD Partners with MUSC and Trident Technical College to Launch New Health Science Cohort**

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*Diverse healthcare pathways available for enrolled students*

**CHARLESTON, SC** - Charleston County School District (CCSD), in collaboration with The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and Trident Technical College, announces the launch of an exciting new MUSC Health Science Cohort at Early College High School. This innovative program will provide students with opportunities to gain diverse hands-on experiences, earn industry certifications, and accumulate college credits, setting the foundation for rewarding careers in healthcare. Much of students' senior-level experiences will occur on the campus of MUSC.

### **Program Highlights:**

- Career exploration in multiple fields including, but not limited to, Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Behavioral Health, Emergency Medicine, Diagnostic Medicine, and more.
- Real-world training through job shadowing, internships, and clinical rotations at MUSC.
- Certifications, including CPR, HIPAA, BLS, CNA, and Pharmacy Technician (CPhT).
- Dual enrollment with Trident Technical College, allows students to earn up to 36 college credits, including an Associate of Science or Applied Science Degree.
- Mentorship and cutting-edge training provided by MUSC professionals.

"This program represents a significant, innovative step forward in addressing the growing demand for quality healthcare for our community along with skilled healthcare workers," said Superintendent Anita Huggins. "We are excited about the partnership with MUSC and Trident Technical College, which will allow us to enhance CCSD's current health science programs to provide access and opportunities for students in healthcare."

"MUSC is looking forward to collaborating with CCSD and Trident Technical College on this groundbreaking initiative that aligns well with our strategic plan to help

reshape the future workforce," said David J. Cole, M.D., FACS, president of MUSC. "By cultivating and investing in our upcoming professionals early on, we not only strengthen our community but also ensure that students have the tools, training, and mentorship they need to succeed in their careers to make a meaningful impact across South Carolina."

The program's curriculum combines academic rigor with hands-on clinical experience, ensuring that graduates are prepared for immediate employment or advanced studies. This partnership also supports Charleston's economic growth by addressing workforce needs in the rapidly expanding healthcare sector.

*Applications will be available for the 2025-2026 academic year beginning at noon on January 14, 2025. To learn more or to apply, visit the [CCSD School Choice website](#).*

For additional information, please contact CCSD's Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.