

Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences

2025-2026 School Profile



Contact Information

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General Information

Principal: Beverly Bowman

Enrollment: 163

Seniors: 32

Juniors: 42

Sophomores: 43

Freshman: 43

Pathways: Human Services, Biotechnology (current 10th, 11th, 12th), Nursing, Pre Medicine (current 9th)

Website: <https://gastonearycollegeofmedicalsciences.gaston.k12.nc.us/>

School Counselor: Desiree Lackey

Dean of Students: Susie Tippet

CEEB Code: 340-176

Accreditation: SACS

School Colors: Crimson, Orange, Purple

School Mascot: Phoenix

Our Mission

To provide students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an Associate degree in preparation for future careers in healthcare.

Our Vision

To develop lifelong learners who possess the courage to lead and the compassion to heal.

School Description

Opened in August of 2021, Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences is a healthcare focused high school that is designed for students interested in careers in the medical/healthcare industry. Students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree in preparation for a career in the healthcare field. Pathways include nursing, human services technology, and biotechnology. In addition to high school and college level coursework, students participate in job shadowing experiences and gain hands on learning in real world settings through CaroMont Health, conduct undergraduate research with Gaston College faculty, and prepare for post-secondary education or the workforce.

School Honors and Recognitions

- Grade "A" on North Carolina School Report Card (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

- 95% graduate high school with two years of transferable credit (70% completed requirements for AAS degree)

Entrance Criteria

Students apply to attend Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences during eighth grade. A lottery is held to select up to 80 students based on first generation status and feeder high school area. Around 70% of students chosen in the lottery self-report they are first generation college students. A percentage of students are accepted from each of the high school feeder areas in Gaston County, according to enrollment, which fairly distributes the GECMS experience to all areas of our community.

Entrance Criteria Continued

Level III, IV or V on 7th and 8th grade End of Grade reading and math tests

94% attendance rate in grades 7 and 8

Good standing regarding conduct in grades 7 and 8

Gaston County resident

Curriculum

The academic year is organized on a block schedule. The majority of students are enrolled in 8-10 courses per year. Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences offers 17 Honors courses: English I-IV; Math I-IV; Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, World History, Civic Literacy, American History, Economics and Personal Finance, Research Methods, and ACT/SAT Prep. Health and PE, Spanish I, and Spanish II are required for all students and earn regular credit. Physical Science is required for select pathways and earns regular credit.

We do not offer Advanced Placement courses due to students taking college courses as their elective options. Students take 19 to 27 Gaston College courses in order to meet the requirements for an Associate degree. Due to work-based learning and age requirements, the Human Services Technology program requires students to attend a fifth year to complete the Associate degree.

College Courses Substituted for High School Courses

***meet high school credit requirements for graduation**

ENG 111/ENG 112/ENG 231 for English III

MAT 152/171 for 4th math

Graduation Requirements/Class Rank

Class rank is based on the weighted 5.0 scale. Class rank is computed at the end of each semester. Rank is exact and is cumulative beginning with the freshman year. All courses are given credit (except for ACA 122) and all students are ranked. The class rank is shown on the transcript. Each course is worth one high school credit if passed with 60 or higher. 28 credits are required to graduate from high school.

Grading Scale

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

Quality Points Used to Calculate GPA

College Courses

A- 5.0 points

B- 4.0 points

C- 3.0 points

Honors Courses

B- 4.5 points

B- 3.5 points

C- 2.5 points

Regular Courses

A- 4 points

B- 3 points

C- 2 points

Clubs and Organizations

Chick Fil A Leader Academy

Envirothon

National Honor Society

Student Government

YOU-th (teen dating violence awareness)

Test Results

<i>ACT</i>	<i>Composite</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>% met all four benchmarks</i>
2022-2023	22	21	20	24	22	50
2023-2024	22	21	20	24	22	32