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Health Sciences at SRJC

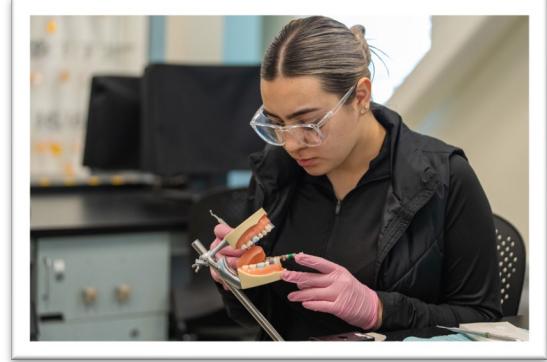
Overview

Santa Rosa Junior College's Health Sciences Department prepares students for in-demand careers in healthcare through high-quality instruction, hands-on training, and strong partnerships with local employers. Our goal is to educate competent, compassionate healthcare professionals who are ready to meet today's workforce needs.

The Health Sciences Department offers eight allied health programs leading to degrees and/or certificates:

- Associate Degree Nursing
- Dental Hygiene
- Dental Assisting
- Dietary Manager
- Medical Assisting
- Nursing Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Radiologic Technology

The Health Sciences Department also offers courses in **nutrition**, **medical terminology**, **public health**, and **health & wellness** for students exploring health careers or fulfilling prerequisites.



Located in the William B. Race Health Sciences Building — a 38,500-square-foot, multi-functional facility constructed in 2000 with funding from both the College and the local community. The Race Building encompasses a public dental clinic and radiology lab, a comprehensive nursing skills and simulation center, a dedicated radiologic technology facility, a mock pharmacy, and an ambulatory care skills laboratory.

Recent Highlights

- **\$1.2M Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant** (April 2025) — Awarded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, this one-time grant will be used to upgrade the nursing simulation center and control room to support excellence in teaching and maximize education learning outcomes.
- **\$250K Nursing Enrollment Growth and Retention Grant** (July 2025) — Ongoing annual Chancellor's Office grant supporting student retention and sustaining high nursing program enrollment.
- **New 75-Seat Lecture Hall** — To be constructed with Measure H funding to expand instructional capacity and support increased nursing enrollment. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026 with class occupancy available in Fall 2026.

By the Numbers

Over the past five academic years (2020–2021 through 2024–2025), the Health Sciences Department has proudly graduated **466 Associate Degree Nurses**, **454 Nursing Assistants**, **139 Dental Hygienists**, **89 Dental Assistants**, **73 Medical Assistants**, and **96 Radiologic Technologists**.



Improving Simulation Capabilities for Nursing students

Located at the Race Building in rooms 4038 and 4039 will be a state-of-the-art simulation room for nursing students to practice in an environment that fosters critical thinking in situations where it is safe to make mistakes. This simulation environment room (4039) will include three simulation beds with three manikins that can perform various simulated tasks, including the administration of intravenous medications, monitoring of organ sounds (lungs, heart, and abdomen), and simulation of critical experiences (such as seizures, strokes, and heart attacks). The master control room (4038) will feature an area where the simulation faculty proctor can manage the simulation manikins, monitor students, and provide meaningful feedback based on their performances within the simulated scenarios.

With the anticipated rise in enrollment in the nursing department and the general challenges of finding placements for students in clinical areas, simulation becomes increasingly important in providing students with their required learning experiences. Simulation is considered an acceptable supplement to the required in-person clinicals, as per the Board of Registered Nursing, which allows a specific portion of clinicals to be simulated. Simulations also allows students to practice complex or infrequently clinic scenarios that may not be consistently available in hospital settings, strengthening preparation for real-world patient care.

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Photos: Concept of simulation center and control room (Images borrowed from Minnesota State University for educational reference.)

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