

CAHS Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS) accredited?

Yes. The Uniformed Services University (USU) is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). As a college of USU, the CAHS enjoys the benefit of MSCHE accreditation.

2. Who can attend the CAHS?

The primary student populations are Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists service members, and civil service employees attending technical training programs, as well as technical instructors, on orders at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio Texas. There are other instructional sites in California, Ohio, Connecticut, and Texas where students are enrolled when attending technical training at those locations. See list of degree programs with implementation / start dates included with answer to question number 9 below.

3. Do I have to pay out of pocket or use my military tuition assistance benefits to attend?

No. There are no fees or costs for eligible individuals to attend the college.

4. What credits did I earn for successful completion of my specialty training program?

Each military technical training program is unique. You can see the names, number of credits, and course descriptions of all courses included in your specialty training program in the CAHS catalog located on the website.

5. How do I get a transcript for the credits earned from the College of Allied Health Sciences?

CAHS official transcripts (issued directly to colleges, universities and other institutions) and unofficial transcripts (issued to individuals) are provided by the USU Registrar's Office. You can request official transcripts free of charge using the university's website (see below).

If you are currently in Phase II training, it is recommended that you complete your Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), Navy Enlisted Code (NEC), or Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)

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awarding training before ordering your transcript so that credits for all of your training can be reflected on it.

- Go to: https://cahs.usuhs.edu/sites/default/files/2020-06/usu_transcript_request_form_2020.pdf
- Complete the Transcript Request Form (Digital signatures are accepted)
- Email the signed Request Form to the address indicated on the request form (registrar@usuhs.edu)

6. I completed and passed my specialty certification test, how do I submit my transcript to the accrediting agency so they will send me my certificate?

Complete an official transcript request form (See Question 5) and have the transcript sent to the address provided by the accrediting agency.

7. How do individuals get enrolled in CAHS?

Individuals selected to attend training in any of the following MOS, NEC, or AFSC awarding programs complete applications for enrollment upon the start of training and earn credits with the CAHS.

MOS, NEC and AFSC awarding programs:

Advanced Tactical Provider

Army Paramedic Program

Cardiovascular Technician

Critical Care Air Transport (course only)

Cytology

Health Physics - Preventive Medicine

Hospital Corpsman Basic

Independent Duty Corpsman - Submarine

Independent Duty Corpsman - Surface

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Medical Laboratory Technician
Neurodiagnostic Technician
Nuclear Medicine Technician
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ophthalmic Technician
Opticianry
Pharmacy Technician
Preventive Medicine
Radiology Technician
Respiratory Therapy
Respiratory Care Practitioner
Special Operations Combat Medic-Paramedic
Urology

Consult your training Program Director for any additional programs that may be eligible for college credits.

8. I'm an instructor, can I attend CAHS to earn a degree?

Yes, if you are assigned as an instructor at the Medical Education Training Campus, or another location where the degree program has been established, you can enroll in the Associate of Science in Health Sciences, Education & Training Administration & Leadership degree program. To enroll with CAHS, contact USU Office of the Registrar. Email CAHSAcademicAdvising@usuhs.edu with any questions.

9. Which technical training programs (major fields of study or degree specializations) currently receive credits from the CAHS?

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The following technical training programs began receiving resident college credits from CAHS on the dates indicated. If you attended one of the programs beginning on or after the listed date, you earned credits from CAHS.

List of programs:

Public Health Technician (Preventive Medicine) – 12 March 2018

Nuclear Medicine Technician – 11 July 2018

Medical Laboratory Technician – 31 July 2018

Histology Technician – 4 March 2019

Urology Technician – 21 March 2019

Neurodiagnostic Technician – 27 March 19

Health Physics Specialist – 23 April 2019 (Follow on course for Army Public Health Technicians)

Nutrition Science – 30 May 2019

Cytotechnology Technician – 31 July 2019

Occupational Therapy Assistant – 7 August 2019

Radiological Technologist – 26 August 2019

EMT Paramedic – 10 January 2020

Independent Duty Corpsmen (Submarine) – 23 January 2020

Independent Duty Corpsmen (Surface) – 14 February 2020

Respiratory Therapy – 8 June 2020

Cardiovascular Technician – 1 July 2020

Respiratory Care Practitioner (Previously Cardiopulmonary Laboratory Care) – 6 July 2020

Ophthalmic Technician – 10 August 2020

Special Operations Combat Medic – Paramedic – 1 October 2020

Pharmacy Technician – 28 October 2020

Advanced Tactical Provider – 9 November 2020

Opticianry – 28 June 2021

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Consult your training Program Director for any additional programs that may be eligible for college credits.

10. What type of degrees are offered by CAHS?

The CAHS offers Associates of Science in Health Sciences (ASHS) and Bachelors of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) degrees with major fields of study or degree specializations the same as technical training programs' specialties (see list of programs included with answer to question number 9. Not all programs offer a BSHS degree).

11. Does CAHS offer Master's degree programs?

Not at this time.

12. Can military training completed before becoming a CAHS student be transferred to CAHS and count towards completion of my degree?

Yes. After submission of a consent form, Army, Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard personnel Joint Service Transcripts (JST) are ordered by CAHS on their behalf and evaluated to determine applicability of military training credits toward CAHS degree requirements.

The CAHS personnel also have the capability to order Air Force personnel Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcripts after submission of a consent form.

13. Can credits I earned from other colleges and universities be transferred to CAHS?

Yes. Once a student at CAHS, each individual is required to submit official transcripts from colleges and / or universities previously attended. After receipt, transcripts are reviewed and evaluated by CAHS Academic Advisors and USU Registrar's Office personnel to determine applicability of credits for transfer to CAHS degree programs.

14. Where do I send my official transcripts?

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Mail Transcripts To: USU College of Allied Health Sciences

Attn: Office of the Registrar

2787 Winfield Scott Rd. Bldg 2398, Ste 220

JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

Email To: transcriptssubmit@usuhs.edu

NOTE: A transcript is considered official only if it is delivered directly to the CAHS from the issuing institution electronically (emailed), by postal mail or other delivery services. If hand delivered, the envelope from the issuing institution must be unopened.

If ordering through Parchment - please Do Not select Uniformed Services University for the college. Select "Other" and manually type in the email address.

15. Will CAHS pay or reimburse the fee for official transcripts?

No. Students are responsible for paying transcript request fees.

Exception: METC instructors who are being appointed as CAHS faculty may be able to get official transcripts at no cost. Please contact your Program Faculty Manager in the METC Faculty Credentialing Department for details.

16. Can I confirm that CAHS received my transcript(s)?

Yes. You can send an email inquiry to: transcriptssubmit@usuhs.edu. On the email's Subject Line type: *your last name* Transcript Verification (example: Jones Transcript Verification)

17. How do I know which classes I need to complete to meet my degree requirements?

After receipt of your official transcripts, your individualized degree plan is completed by an Academic Advisor and sent to the email address you provided during registration.

18. Who do I contact when I have a question about my degree plan?

Send an email with your questions to CAHSAcademicAdvising@usuhs.edu

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([link sends e-mail](#)). You may also use the contact information from the email you received with your degree plan to contact the Academic Advisor who provided your plan. On the email's Subject Line type: your last name and program name (example: Smith, Medical Laboratory Technician). In your email, please clearly provide the following information:

- Your full name
- Your branch of service
- Name of program you are attending or attended
- The date the program started

19. If I meet the requirements for a degree, when will I get my diploma?

It depends on when you complete all degree requirements. The college has three graduations per year (May, August and December). If you complete all requirements and are confirmed for graduation by the Registrar's Office by the established deadline, you will be contacted via email sometime during the graduation month. The email contact will afford you the opportunity to provide the exact name you want on your diploma and the address you want it mailed to. Your diploma will be sent to you at the address provided 6 to 8 weeks following the graduation date.