

# ALLIED HEALTH

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The **Associate of Science Degree in Allied Health (ASAH)** prepares students by offering and providing two healthcare career pathways. Pathway one (Option 1) prepares students for a Nursing Assistant and a career as a Phlebotomist Technician or an Electrocardiogram Technician. Pathway two (Option 2) prepares students for entry into the NMSU School of Nursing (NMSU SON) 4-year Bachelor of Nursing program. The ASAH degree plan follows the New Mexico Board of Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) common curriculum. NMSU SON accepts a cohort of students each Fall semester. Upon successful completion of core degree requirements included in Option 1 (Healthcare Field) or Option 2 (BSN Program) courses, a ASAH degree can be awarded.

**Option 1 (Health Care Fields)** is designed for students interested in alternative healthcare career paths in the fields of Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomist Technician or Electrocardiogram Technician. Option 1 also provides an associate degree completion for individuals awaiting acceptance into a BSN level program and for individuals with non-nursing degrees who may need to complete required courses before applying to a master program in nursing.

**Option 2 (BSN Program)** is designed for ASAH students choosing to meet pre-requisites for application to the NMSU SON BSN program at the New Mexico State University Alamogordo campus.

The **Associate of Applied Science Medical Assistant (AASMA)** prepares students to be workforce ready by offering and providing a health career pathway that prepares students to work as medical assistants in healthcare provider offices, hospitals, outpatient clinics and other healthcare facilities. The program of study includes knowledge, skills, and 332 hours of clinical practice in phlebotomy, electrocardiogram, medical office management, and medical assisting. Students successfully completing courses in phlebotomy, electrocardiogram, medical office management are qualified to take the National Healthcareer Association certification exam at the end of each course to earn a certification in each field.

The **San Juan College(SJC) Surgical Technology program** is a collaborative effort to offer the Surgical Technologist program of study to students in Southern New Mexico. Prerequisite work for application to the SJC Surgical Technology program can be completed at the NMSU-A campus. After acceptance and admission to the SJC Surgical Technology program, courses will be completed online, in an NMSUA classroom, and at clinical sites located in southern New Mexico. A small amount of travel to SJC is required.