

Virtual Open House Transcript:

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**Michelle Frey:** Welcome to the Virtual MACC Health Sciences' Open House. My name is Michelle Frey and I am the Dean of Health Sciences. I appreciate each and every one of you being here tonight, showing an interest in our essential Health Science Careers we offer here at MACC. In light of the current pandemic, we wanted to offer a virtual session on how you can further your education with MACC in order to be an essential worker in the future. We hope that you obtain some valuable information tonight in your education search and without further ado, I'll turn things over to Alese Thompson, the Program Director for our Medical Laboratory Technician Program.

**Alese Thompson:** Thank you Dean Frey. As we get started with our open house, I wanted to give you guys some tips on using Zoom. If you are not a presenter or MACC employee, I would ask that you mute your mic and turn off your video in order to conserve bandwidth since we have so many attendees. If you have a question at any time a presenter is presenting, please write your question down or type it in the chat box and we will have a moderator watching over those questions. At the end of each program session, I will ask for the faculty present who are associated with that program to introduce themselves virtually as well.

We have a slight change in the order of sessions we are doing tonight—our LPN session will be first, followed by AND and AADN, then MLT and last but not least, Surgical Technology. I would encourage you to listen carefully to each of the program's sessions, because you or someone you know may be interested in a career you never knew about. Word of mouth is one of the best recruitment tools we use and I'm sure all of our graduates from health sciences could attest to the quality of education they've received from us. We hope that each and every one of you will be a future graduate as well.

Does anyone have any Zoom related questions before we get started?

First up will be our Licensed Practical Nursing Program Session.

**Charlotte Scott:** Good evening! My name is Charlotte Scott and I am the MACC PN Program Coordinator for the Mexico Campus.

Have you ever wondered about the LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) role in the healthcare world? LPN's work in a variety of sub-acute areas including physician offices, health departments, long-term care (skilled care nursing homes and assisted living), drug and alcohol rehab, and private duty home health, just to name a few. Becoming an LPN gives students a foundation to continue onto RN school.

The LPN program @ MACC is a 1 year program that prepares the student for entry level professional nursing practice. As published by GlassDoor, LPN's can expect to make \$30-50k as an annual salary.

Let MACC be your gateway to a professional nursing career!

**Alese Thompson:** Thank you Charlotte. At this time, if you are a faculty member who teaches in our PN program, would you introduce yourself? Next we have our Associate Degree Nursing and Accelerated Associate Degree Nursing Program Session.

**Candi Walker:** Hello, I'm Candice Walker, program Coordinator for the AADN Program based out of our Mexico campus. An associate degree in nursing (ADN) prepares you to act on the front lines of healthcare. Those with an associate degree in nursing will be eligible to take the national Registered Nursing (RN) licensure exam and can work in many different areas. Registered Nurses don't just take orders and pass meds. They are the eyes and ears of healthcare, and they are the patients' most outspoken and knowledgeable advocates. Registered Nurses are the leaders of the nursing team and are responsible for coordinating and managing the care of patients in many different settings. They work in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, urgent care, home health, and more.

Nursing is a trusted profession that offers many opportunities for growth and advancement. Registered Nurses often go on to become Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Educators, and Nurse Managers. The opportunities are endless. The national nursing shortage ensures job security and allows a lot of freedom when it comes taking advantage of the many job opportunities available. Nurses can change specialties and interest areas often, and benefits and compensation packages are usually very competitive. Depending on the specialty area, experience, and location, ADN educated RN's make an average of \$51,000 to \$70,000 per year in the United States.

MACC offers two options for earning an associate degree in nursing. We have a traditional, 2-year program that follows the traditional school year (with summers off) and is delivered in a traditional classroom (face-to-face) setting. The traditional ADN program is offered on the Moberly campus. In addition, MACC has an accelerated, virtual option available for those who already have a licensed practical nursing (LPN) license. This is a 1-year program that lasts 3 semesters (spring, summer, fall) and is delivered over a virtual and online format. The accelerated option is available on our Moberly, Mexico, and Kirksville campuses (with Columbia and Hannibal coming soon). Both the traditional and accelerated options utilize many hands-on clinical experiences as well as the highest tech simulation equipment available. Nursing courses are taught by highly qualified, educated, experienced, and dedicated nursing faculty, and MACC's nursing programs and graduates are highly respected by employers and the community.

**Alese Thompson:** Thank you Candi. Like we did with PN, if you are a faculty member who teaches in the ADN or AADN program, please introduce yourself. Next up we have our Medical Laboratory Technician Session, which I will explain.

Are you someone who wants to be behind the scenes doing important work in healthcare with minimal to no patient contact? Are science classes your best subjects and do you like to solve problems? If any of these things apply to you, you'd be a great fit for the Medical Laboratory field. Even though we are the third largest group of health care professionals (after physicians and nurses) many people do not know who we are or what we do so let's get into that. Someone who works in the medical laboratory field performs tests on specimens in a laboratory, to essentially tell the provider what is "right" and "wrong" with the specimen, in order to diagnose them, using the patient symptoms as well. For example, if you go to the

doctor because you have a fever, shortness of breath, dry cough etc, they're going to take a swab and collect a sample for the laboratory to test the Flu, probably SARS-CoV2 in this pandemic. Once we get the swab, we run the ordered tests, and result out an answer for that particular patient. The provider then takes our results and matches them with your clinical symptoms and makes a diagnosis.

MACC has a 2 year degree program in the laboratory field called Medical Laboratory Technician, or MLT in conjunction with the Missouri Health Professions Consortium. Our program is virtual using recorded lectures so you can work around your work and home schedule and includes clinicals at a hospital near where you live. After one year of general studies (anatomy, physiology, chemistry, history, math, English, humanities) you are eligible to apply to the MLT program. The MLT program is 1 year in length, and starts every August with applications due June 15 this year. We accept up to 30 students in our Consortium Program. Upon completion of the program, you are eligible to sit for the national certification exam and start your rewarding career in behind the scenes healthcare. Our average salary for our profession at the 2 year level is around \$38-42k and if you were to continue your education and receive a bachelors degree after completing our program, or if you already have a bachelors degree in a science heavy field, you could be eligible to sit for the MLS degree (4 year) and make roughly \$55-\$75k. We have a 100% job placement rate for those who complete the program as this field is currently going through a shortage of qualified workers. If you have any questions at all, please let me know and I'd be happy to answer them during the Q&A session at the end.

Next we move on to Surgical Technology.

**Carrie DeLine:** Hi everyone, I'm Carrie DeLine the Program Director of MACC's Surgical Technology program. Surgical Technology is an allied health profession dedicated to providing quality patient care while participating as part of the surgical team. Specifically, surgical technologists are responsible for assisting the surgeon in the operating room. Responsibilities include setting up the operating room, ensuring that all instrumentation and equipment needed are ready and available. Surgical techs gown and glove themselves and the surgical team and are at the sterile field acting as an assistant during surgery. They pass instrumentation, keep count of sharps and sponges, and handle medications as well as specimen. Techs are responsible for clean up after an operation and ensure that equipment is ready for the next procedure. A surgical technologist must have a working knowledge of aseptic technique and have a strong surgical conscience.

MACC's surgical technology program is a one-year professional program that specifically trains students to become competent entry level surgical technologists. Prerequisites for this program include: Composition I, Math 140 or higher, Medical Terminology, Human Anatomy/Physiology, and Microbiology. The professional program includes both classroom learning and clinical practicums at local hospitals. Upon completion of the program, students will sit for the national certification exam provided by the NBSTSA. Classes will be held at the Columbia Area Career Center and the clinical practicums will be completed in Columbia as well. Classes will begin in Fall 2020.

**Alese Thompson:** Thank you to each of our presenters! For the next portion of the open house, we'd like to introduce our MACC employees who will be available during the Q&A session (as available):

Amy Hager, Director of Financial Aid  
Cheryl Lybarger, Director of Health Sciences  
Michelle McCall, Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management  
Mark Chambers, Health Sciences Advisor

If any additional MACC Faculty, Administration or Staff would like to introduce themselves, please feel free at this time.

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At this time, I'd like to address the questions we couldn't answer in the chat box first, then we can move on to additional questions you guys have. If you'd like to turn on your mic and camera to ask a question, please feel free, otherwise, the chat box is available.

After all questions are done or it's 8pm:

At this time, it appears all of the questions have been answered. Please make sure to jot down the contact information of the program you'd like more information on as we will be happy to answer any additional questions you have. Thank you so much for coming, we appreciate you taking time out of your day to be with us and learning about your next essential career that MACC can offer you! A copy of this recording will be posted on the website soon, so be sure to send the link to all who may be interested in furthering their education. We hope you will join us in becoming a future MACC Health Sciences graduate!