

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

APPLICATION/COMPLETION DEADLINE:

The date determined by the appropriate Program Director by which the Limited-Entry Office must receive an Application and Completion Packet Checklist to a program for the next admission process.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

Two-year degree program once accepted. Program prerequisites generally take an additional year to complete.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE:

Four-year degree program.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

One to two-year, non-degree program.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:

A non-degree program, primarily one to two semesters in length. It generally has fewer course requirements than a certificate of achievement program.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA):

Numerical average of grades achieved.

LIMITED-ENTRY:

A health program that is limited in the number of students admitted. When the number of applicants exceeds the program capacity, selection of applicants is based on program specific selection criteria.

OPEN-ENTRY:

Admission to a program or course is not restricted or limited.

ADVISEMENT SHEET:

A listing of all program prerequisites, general education requirements, and program courses necessary for graduation from a specific program. These sheets are available at the Health Programs Advisement Offices located at the Charleston and Cheyenne Campuses or online at www.csn.edu/health/.

COLLEGE CATALOG:

The official publication of the college which describes college policies, degree programs, student services and all courses offered by CSN. Catalogs are available at all CSN campus bookstores or online at www.csn.edu.

COLLEGE SEMESTER SCHEDULE:

A listing of all current course offerings as well as registration information. Schedules are available prior to each semester and may be obtained at local libraries, at any CSN Admissions and Records Office, or online at www.csn.edu

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

Courses that are highly recommended or required prior to taking a course (refer to the college catalog or semester schedule for individual course prerequisites).

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Courses that must be completed prior to graduation

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES:

Courses or documents that must be completed before a student is considered eligible for acceptance into a Limited-Entry Program

PROGRAM COURSES:

Specialized courses within a health program. Most of these are restricted to students who have been accepted into a health program.