Sentara College Ranks Highest Among Allied Health Programs Media Contact: MJ Popejoy (<u>mpopejoy@sentara.edu</u>)

Sentara College of Health Sciences has topped the 2023 Best Value Allied Health Professions Associate Degree Schools list for both Virginia and the US by independent researcher Trade College.org.

- #1 Best Value Allied Health Professions Associate Degree Schools in US
- By Tradecollege.org
- #1 Best Value Allied Health Professions Associate Degree Schools in VA
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"We have an incredible school here, and our faculty and staff are equally as amazing," said Dr. Angela Taylor, president of Sentara College. "The level of dedication to student success is unmatched," said Dr. Taylor.

According to tradecollege.org, Allied Health professions are among the most popular majors in the nation, ranking fifth of all the majors analyzed. At Sentara College, the School of Allied Health confers associate degrees in Cardiovascular Technology and Surgical Technology.

Allied health professions fall into two broad categories: technicians (assistants) and therapists/technologists. Technicians are trained to perform procedures, and their education lasts less than two years. They are required to work under the supervision of technologists or therapists.

Sentara College's ranking highlights its steadfast commitment to its students and the quality education it provides for in-demand professions.

"Our focus is on the student, first and foremost," said Dr. Megan Hunsinger, chair of Sentara College's Allied Health Programs. "Faculty are also very driven to help every student succeed. Another reason I think the college is so successful is because we have so many alumni teaching in our programs. There is a sense of pride about being a former student, then moving into a faculty position, and then putting out the best product. In fact, in the School of Allied Health, most faculty are alumni of the college," said Dr. Hunsinger.

ABOUT SENTARA COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Sentara College of Health Sciences is an accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher learning that confers master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees in nursing and allied health disciplines, in addition to multiple certificate courses. The



130-year-old college is among the most selective in the region, and boasts consistently excellent outcomes for student retention, placement, and licensure rates. Many of the college's graduates go on to enjoy rewarding careers in the highly respected Sentara Healthcare System. Learn more at sentara.edu.