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## **CAROLINAS COLLEGE RANKS #14; CONSISTENTLY AMONG BEST IN THE NATION**

**Charlotte, NC** – Carolinas College of Health Sciences (CCHS) students, faculty and staff continue to earn accolades for the achievements of the college. For the fourth time since 2010, CCHS has been ranked among the top two-year colleges in the nation.

The rankings—released by [WalletHub.com](http://WalletHub.com)—analyze data from 670 two-year colleges across the nation and are based on mathematical comparisons of key statistics, including cost and finance, classroom experience, and educational and career outcomes. CCHS earned the number 14 rank placing the college in the top 5% in the nation.

CCHS has a low student to faculty ratio, exceptional retention and graduation rates, and national exam scores which consistently rank among the top in the nation. In student perceptions of engagement, CCHS consistently outranks other top performing colleges in academic challenge, student-faculty interaction and support for learners. The College has 474 students enrolled this fall.

“This ranking is an affirmation of the academic excellence of our students and of the commitment of our faculty and staff,” said Dr. Ellen Sheppard, president of CCHS. “We are thrilled to be recognized for what we try to accomplish every day—making our students our top priority.”

In 2015, graduates of the radiologic technology program achieved a 100% first-attempt pass rate on the ARRT Registry examination for the 30th year. Medical laboratory science graduates, for the 10th straight year, passed the ASCP Board Certification on the first attempt. The first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN licensure examination for the May 2015 graduates was 96% which exceeds the 2015 year to date national first-time pass rate of 85%. Of all 837 radiation therapy graduates in the nation in 2014, CCHS graduate Jillian May achieved the top score in the nation on her certification exam. Additionally, the three-year student-loan default rate for CCHS was 0.6%, significantly better than both the national average (11.8%) and the average for colleges in North Carolina (11.1%).

[Carolinan College of Health Sciences](http://www.CarolinasCollege.edu) ([www.CarolinasCollege.edu](http://www.CarolinasCollege.edu)), consistently ranked among the best two-year colleges in the nation, offers programs in many areas of health care. Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

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