Title of Policy:  **NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS SELECTIVE ADMISSION**

Applies to (check all that apply):

- Faculty_____  Staff_____  Students  **X**
- Division/Department **X**  College **X**

**Topic/Issue:**
This policy applies to all students who seek entry into the Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Therapist, and Surgical Technology degree programs. This policy also applies to all students who seek entry into the Emergency Medical Services Intermediate and Paramedic certificate program, surgical technology certificate and the practical nurse certificate program. These programs and certificates have an admission process, which is limited and highly selective.

**Background to Issue/Rationale for Policy:**
In response to the high attrition rate, recommendations from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Board of Nursing, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services and other accreditation agencies, data analyzed by the BCCC Office of Institutional Research (OIR), the program and/or certificate faculty amended the selection process for entry into the associate of applied science degree program in dental hygiene, physical therapist assistant, respiratory care and surgical technology program as well as the associate of science degree nursing program. This includes the practical nursing certificate and the emergency medical services certificates.

**State/Federal Regulatory Requirements (cite if applicable):**
COMAR 10.27.03.08; 3.13.304  13.508-9

**Policy Language:**
It is the policy of Baltimore City Community College to have a selective admission process for the following programs: Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Therapist, and Surgical Technology degree programs. This policy also applies to all students who seek entry into the Emergency Medical Services Intermediate and Paramedic certificate program, surgical technology certificate and the practical nurse certificate programs. Students who have completed the prerequisite courses must submit an application. Each application is reviewed and ranked based on specific criterion.

**Proposed Implementation Date:**  Fall 2010

**Approved by the Board of Trustees:**  October 27, 2009

**Originator/Division:**  Academic Affairs Division