History And Ownership

Fortis College, Cookeville, Tennessee is owned and operated by Education Affiliates, Inc. Education Affiliates, Inc. is located at 5026-D Campbell Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21236, phone: 410-633-2929 and fax: 410-633-1844 and is a privately held corporation providing career education through a variety of certificate, diploma, and degree programs. Danny Finuf is the President and Chief Executive Officer, and Laurence (Larry) Hinz is the Chief Financial Officer of Education Affiliates, Inc.

Fortis College, Cookeville, Tennessee, is a branch campus of Fortis College located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Fortis College is located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, which is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). Fortis College is located at 2545 Bailey Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44241.

The Cookeville Campus of Fortis College, originally known as Cumberland School of Medical Technology, was established in June 1970 in Cookeville, Tennessee, with a program of study for Medical Laboratory Technicians. The school was founded to provide career opportunities in the allied health professions. Graduates of the school are employed throughout the region and across the country in hospital laboratories, reference laboratories, medical businesses and industry. The school was approved by the Tennessee Department of Public Health, Laboratory Licensing Service to operate a school for Medical Laboratory Technicians. This department approves the curriculum, and each hospital laboratory participates in the school's training program.

The school was accredited in 1971 by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA) for its Medical Laboratory Technician Program on the recommendation of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), the Review Committee sponsored by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), the American Society for Medical Technology (ASMT), and the American Medical Technologists (AMT).

In 1988, the school was accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS/COEI) and the school changed its name from Cumberland School of Medical Technology to Cumberland School of Technology. In the 1992-93 school years, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved the credential of Associate of Applied Science Degree awarded for the Medical Laboratory Technology program.

In May 2000, KIMC Investments, L.P. acquired both campuses of Cumberland School of Technology. The school's name was changed to MedVance Institute in July 2000 and two new programs, Medical Assistant and Medical Coding Specialist were added to the curriculum. In 2001, the school began offering the Radiologic Technology program, where students were awarded the credential of Associate of Applied Science upon graduation. In 2002, the school began offering two new diploma programs for Pharmacy Technician and Surgical Technology.

In December 2009 MedVance Institute was purchased by Education Affiliates, Inc. based in Baltimore, Maryland.

In November 2012, the school began expanding the scope of the programs offered to include the trades' occupations at the Cookeville Campus by adding the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program. In July 2013 the school changed its name to Fortis College.

In 2019, Fortis College was approved to offer the Associate Degree in Nursing program which confers an Associate of Applied Science degree. In 2022, Fortis College was approved to offer the Associate of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology.