

Exploring Health Careers and the Health Sciences

Health Careers I

Health Careers I involves learning an applied anatomy and physiology with integrated pathophysiology. This class includes a fast-paced and streamlined approach to learning the body systems, the organs in those systems, how those organs work together, and what happens when those organs do not work as they should. As we move through each body system, we discuss many different career paths associated with each area. Specialists from the areas of those health care fields also come to class to present about their career area. This class also involves learning the language of medical terminology.

This challenging course helps you learn how to break down those large words into word parts and learn how to apply those terms to the health care field. This course also teaches you how to be a part of a health care team, how to take care of patients, how to prevent infection, how to incorporate critical thinking, and how to protect the privacy of your patients. Students are encouraged to have prior knowledge in anatomy, physiology, or biology prior to taking Health Careers.



Health Careers II

Health Careers II requires that you have received at least a "C" in Health Careers I and have been approved for Health Careers II.

This course delves further into the world of health care, allowing students to build on their medical terminology, knowledge of the body, and ability to care for patients.

The coursework involves learning first aid, CPR, human growth and development, care of the elderly, dentistry, medical math, pharmacology, nurse aid skills, and how to apply your knowledge at the bedside with patients. This course also involves a 10-week internship, with 5 weeks being at the nursing home, utilizing your patient care skills, and 5 weeks being at the hospital/vet clinic/dental office. This internship allows for you to learn about illnesses, roles in health care, and most importantly, how to care for patients.

At the end of the course, students with at least a "B" in the class are able to sit for the CNA certification exam and skills test. (CNA testing fees are the students' personal responsibility.)



Both Health Careers I and Health Careers II allow students to learn about different career paths within the health care field. The courses allow students to identify which area is the best fit for them prior to leaving high school.

Students have the ability to use the skills and knowledge that they learn in a hands-on method throughout both courses. The courses move quickly and attendance in classes is strongly advised.

The instructors bring many stories into the classroom, involving real life situations to learn from.

