

Health Science Career Cluster

The Health Science career cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostics services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from medical assistant, registered nurse, and physical therapist to forensic science technician and athletic trainer.

Statewide Program of Study: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services

The Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with diagnosing and treating acute, episodic, or chronic illness independently or as part of a healthcare team. This program of study includes exploration of patient treatment and rehabilitative programs that help build or restore daily living skills to persons with disabilities or developmental delays.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

- Level 1 Principles of Health Science
 - Athletic Trainer 1 (PRINHLSC)
- Level 2 Medical Terminology
- Level 3 Anatomy & Physiology
 - Medical Microbiology
 - Health Science Theory
 - Health Science Theory (Clinicals)
 - Athletic Trainer 2 (HLSCLIN)
- Level 4 Practicum in Health Science -Medical Assisting -Dental Assisting -Patient Care Technician
 - Athletic Trainer 3 (PRACHLS1)
 - Athletic Trainer 4 (PRACHLS2)

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

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| Dual Credit | Н |

AP Biology AP Chemistry

Health Science Medical Assisting Certificate of Technology Pharmacy Technician Certificate of Technology

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

assisted living, or long-term care facility

| Work-Based Learning Activities |
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- Expanded Learning Opportunities
- Medical Services (EMS) ride along or hospital/clinical job Participate in Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) or SkillsUSA

Intern with a medical assistant at a community clinic, hospital,

Participate in job shadowing experiences such as Emergency

 Participate in Advanced Medical Ambulance Bus (AMBUS) event or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) event

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
- Patient Care Technician
- Registered Dental Assistant X-Ray Certification



Successful completion of the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Services endorsement or the STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met.





Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

Medical Assistant

Associate Degrees

- Emergency Medical Technology
- Radiologic Technology/Science

Bachelor's Degrees

- Emergency Medical Technology
- Medical Insurance Coding

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer



Example Aligned Occupations

Medical Assistants

Median Wage: \$36,834 Annual Openings: 11,638 10-Year Growth: 29%

Dental Hygienists

Median Wage: \$79,663 Annual Openings: 1,352 10-Year Growth: 32%

Physician Assistants

Median Wage: \$127,332 Annual Openings: 974 10-Year Growth: 41%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



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Health Science Cluster Public Service Endorsement

Also Satisfies STEM Endorsement

