

# **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

Level 2 • Medical Terminology

Level 3 • Anatomy and Physiology

 Health Science Theory + Health Science Clinical (BHS)

Pharmacology (CCHS)

Level 4 • Pharmacology (BHS)

· Practicum in Health Science



### **Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities**

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern/job shadow with a medical assistant at a community clinic, hospital, assisted living, or long-term care facility
- Participate in job shadowing experiences such as hospital/clinical job shadowing

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Participate in Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) or SkillsUSA
- Participate/ Assist with a local blood drive or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) event

### **Aligned Industry-Based Certifications**

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician



Successful completion of the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Services endorsement.



## **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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