

Your Career Starts Here...



# Health Care Services

The Health Care Services program provides students with exposure to a wide variety of health care occupations. The program integrates the necessary academic and technical skills needed for health care professions through an innovative “hands-on” educational experience. Students will investigate career choices through worksite tours, guest speakers, job shadows and internships in their area of career interest and other targeted demand areas for future job growth. Students select areas of specialization and complete three short-term rotations working directly with an adult mentor from the specialty field. Development of desirable employee attributes and successful job-seeking skills are also addressed.

## Location of Program

Students attend class at the Health Education Center located on the St. Joseph Hospital campus in Bellingham.

## Length of Course

One year (two semester sequence) – HCS I and HCS II  
Class meets two hours daily (7:30-9:30a.m. and 1:00-3:00p.m.)

## Credits Earned: 1 credit each semester

*Semester I* (HCS I – Anatomy & Physiology)

.5 credit HCS/Career-Technical Ed, or .5 credit Health

.5 credit Anatomy and Physiology/Science

*Semester II* (HCS II – Externships\*)

1 credit HCS/Career-Technical Ed

\*Prerequisite: successful completion of HCS I and teacher recommendation

## Core Skills Learned

Anatomy and Physiology

Medical Terminology

CPR for Healthcare Providers

HIV/AIDS Training

Aseptic Techniques

Legal and Ethical Responsibilities

Leadership and Teamwork

Career Research and Exploration

Workplace Skills

## Eligibility Requirements

- High school juniors or seniors enrolled at a participating Consortium high school
- At least 16 years old
- Access to reliable transportation
- Evidence of current immunization record including verification of testing negative on Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD)
- Evidence of medical/health insurance coverage
- Pass hospital UA-drug test (Drug-Free Workplace Policy)
- Pass the DSHS Background Authorization process (required for all health care workers)
- History of good attendance with minimal number of tardies
- Good communication skills (written and oral)
- Good attitude

## Academic Prerequisites

1 year lab science (Biology/Chemistry) – ‘C’ or better grade

1 year math (Algebra or higher) – ‘C’ or better grade

## Application Required for Admission

Students may obtain additional program information and application materials from guidance counselors or the Career Center at their high school. Application materials are also available online at: [www.whatcomtechprep.org](http://www.whatcomtechprep.org) (click on Student section – then Community Classroom). Materials are updated and posted to the website by March 1.

Class size for this program is limited. Students must complete and submit their application by the deadline and be selected to participate in the HCS program. To learn more about the program before applying, students and parents are encouraged to attend the evening information session held on the hospital campus, or inquire about information sessions being held at the student’s home high school.

## Transportation

Students are responsible for their own transportation to/from the hospital campus/classroom.

## College Credit

Students will have an opportunity to earn college credit through the Tech Prep program. Students must complete the identified college competencies with a ‘B’ grade or better and submit a completed registration form. Credit can be earned at Bellingham Technical College and Whatcom Community College.

This program is offered through an interdistrict, cooperative agreement with the Tech Prep Consortium schools’ *Community Classroom* program.

## Participating High Schools

Bellingham

Blaine

Ferndale

Clearview

Lynden

Lynden Christian

Meridian

Mount Baker

Nooksack Valley

Options

Sehome

Squalicum

Windward



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