

# **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: Exercise Science, Wellness, and Restoration

The Exercise Science, Wellness, and Restoration program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with assisting patients with maintaining physical, mental, and emotional health. This program of study includes researching diet and exercise needed to maintain a healthy, balanced lifestyle and exploring techniques to help patients recover from injury, illness, or disease.

## **Secondary Courses for High School Credit**

Level 1	Principles of Health Science
Level 2	<ul><li>Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness</li><li>Medical Terminology (MDCA1313/NURA1307)</li></ul>
Level 3	<ul><li>Anatomy and Physiology</li><li>Health Science Theory/Clinical (HPRS1105/MDCA1317)</li></ul>
Level 4	<ul> <li>Practicum in Health Science or</li> <li>Practicum in Health Science – Sports Med</li> </ul>

## **Aligned Advanced Academic Courses**

AP	AP Biology
Dual Credit	MDCA1313 Medical Terminology NURA1307 Body Systems HPRS1105 Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Professionals MDCA1317 Procedures in a Clinical Setting

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP 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

Work-Based Learning	<ul> <li>Participate in an internship with a physical therapis</li></ul>
Activities	occupational therapist, or speech therapist <li>Shadow an athletic trainer from a local sports team</li>
Expanded Learning	<ul> <li>Participate in the Texas State Athletic Trainers</li></ul>
Opportunities	Association <li>Participate in HOSA or SkillsUSA</li> <li>Volunteer at a hospital or rehabilitation center</li>

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Successful completion of the Exercise Science, Wellness, and Restoration program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Services endorsement.



## **Example Postsecondary Opportunities**

Apprenticeships

Associate Degrees

Medical Assistant

Associate of Applied Science

#### **Bachelor's Degrees**

- Nutrition Sciences
- Exercise Physiology and Kinesiology

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Exercise Science and Kinesiology
- Physical Therapy

## Additional Stackable IBCs/License

Physical Therapy Technician/Aide Certification



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## **Example Aligned Occupations**

### Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors

Median Wage: \$44,916 Annual Openings: 5,022 10-Year Growth: 41%

## Physical Therapist Assistants

Median Wage: \$74,866 Annual Openings: 1,218 10-Year Growth: 44%

### Athletic Trainers

Median Wage: \$54,447 Annual Openings: 295 10-Year Growth: 13%

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



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