

# **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**

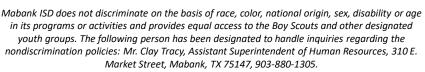
АР	AP Biology
	MDCA1313 Medical Terminology
	NURA1307 Body Systems
Dual Credit	HPRS1105 Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health
	Professionals
	MDCA1317 Procedures in a Clinical Setting

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

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

in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Mr. Clay Tracy, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 310 E. Market Street, Mabank, TX 75147, 903-880-1305.







## **Example Postsecondary Opportunities**

### **Apprenticeships**

Medical Assistant



### **Associate Degrees**

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



### **Example Aligned Occupations**

### **Exercise Trainers and Group** Fitness Instructors

Median Wage: \$38,847 Annual Openings: 6,767 10-Year Growth: 41%

### **Physical Therapist Assistants**

Median Wage: \$75,957 Annual Openings: 1,603 10-Year Growth: 44%

### **Athletic Trainers**

Median Wage: \$61,264 Annual Openings: 287 10-Year Growth: 13%

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



For more information visit: https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-

prep/career-and-technical-education/hs-exercise-sciencewellness-and-restoration-extended.pdf