

# **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 4	<ul> <li>Medical Microbiology</li> <li>Practicum in Health Science (ECRD1211)</li> </ul>
Level 3	<ul><li>Anatomy and Physiology</li><li>Health Science Theory/Clinical (HPRS1105/MDCA1317)</li></ul>
Level 2	Medical Terminology (MDCA1313/NURA1307)
Level 1	Principles of Health Science

### Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

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AP	AP Biology	AP Chemistry	
Dual Credit	MDCA1313 Medical Termin NURA1307 Body Systems HPRS1105 Essentials of Mi Health Profess MDCA1317 Procedures in a ECRD1211 Electrogardiog	edical Law/Ethics for ionals 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

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

event or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) event

Activities	<ul> <li>assisted living, or long-term care facility</li> <li>Participate in job shadowing experiences such as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ride along or hospital/clinical job</li> </ul>
Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul> <li>Participate in Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) or SkillsUSA</li> <li>Participate in Advanced Medical Ambulance Bus (AMBUS)</li> </ul>

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

Certified EKG Technician

**Opportunities** 

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# **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.

