

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

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This course prepares students for a wide variety of health-related careers. Many students who sign up for this class are interested in becoming nurses. Students will also become aware of all the "other" jobs available in hospitals and medical offices. These jobs pay well and serve as a great part-time job while pursuing further career goals. Students interested in being anything from a Paramedic to a Pediatrician can obtain wonderful real-life experience. **This is a Year-Long program.** Hospital internships are required.

TRAINING STUDENTS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS SUCH AS:

- Emergency Room Techs
- Radiology Aides
- Obstetrician Techs
- Operating Room Techs
- Laboratory Assistants
- Unit/Admitting Clerks
- Sterile Process Techs
- Medical Records Clerks
- Transport Orderlies
- Therapy & Rehabilitation Aides
- Pharmacy Aides
- Clinical Assistants

BENEFITS OF THIS CLASS:

- 30 high school credits earned per year
- Equivalency credits in English, math, or science may be available
- Employability skills in the hospital setting
- On-site hospital and medical office internships are a large part of the classroom experience during second semester

IN THIS CLASS, STUDENTS LEARN:

- Ethical behavior in the health field
- Anatomy and physiology introduction
- Organization skills
- Group work/presentations
- Reading vital signs
- Getting patient history
- Medical terminology
- Communication skills-written & verbal
- How to protect one's self from infection & germs
- To work independently and within a team of caregivers on site
- CPR
- First aid training
- Patient confidentiality/HIPAA

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Only students who attend both semesters will be given a certificate. First semester students must purchase hospital scrubs and shoes, and a CPR card.

Second semester requires that students obtain a recent physical examination including PPD (tuberculosis skin test), MMR, Rubella, Hepatitis B vaccinations, SSN, background checks, drug tests and titers. Details will be given in class.

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CLASS, STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- A Certificate of Achievement
- Letter of Competency individualized for each student
- Starting salary of approximately \$12 - \$18/hour
- Information of further educational requirements for job enhancement
- Employment references
- Job placement assistance
- 2-year CPR certificate for healthcare providers included.

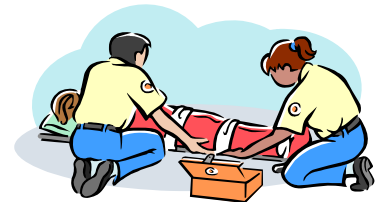
JOB MARKET INFORMATION:

There is a critical shortage of health care personnel, and all local hospitals are actively recruiting workers at all levels, many in fields with little or no experience. The forecast in health care is excellent and one of the most stable (even growing) fields of employment, unaffected by an unstable economy.

More schooling is needed to advance in this career. Community colleges, universities and technical colleges offer degrees in many aspects of health care delivery.

Starting salaries range from \$16 - \$20/ hour in hospitals, \$10-\$15/ hour in clinics and higher for advanced skills and training. Employers look for good communication skills, positive, caring attitudes, good work ethics, second languages, and additional experiences.

One of the great benefits of hospital work is having flexible hours and shifts (weekends, nights) that allow students to continue their education.



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Collette Betters is an Emergency Medical Technician and has worked in various occupations in the health care and biotech fields for the last ten years: ER tech, phlebotomist, transport, lab technician, unit clerk, firefighter, CPR and First Aid instructor.

Ms. Betters has won four summer fellowships with the Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education and the National Science Foundation. At Ohlone College she was a Biology, Anatomy and Physiology teacher's assistant and tutor, helping in the development of science curricula and tutorial programs. Ms. Betters has a Bachelors degree from Santa Clara University.

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