



Pre-Nursing Assunpink Center

This course provides an introduction to the profession of nursing. Students will learn the basics of working in the healthcare field. The curriculum includes study in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, human growth and development, and disease processes. Students will study body structure and function (anatomy and physiology) in depth. These teachings will be enhanced using laboratory exercises and hands-on demonstrations. Additionally, students will learn the history of medicine, communication skills, and legal and ethical issues of the healthcare worker. Students experience the nature and fundamentals of nursing and skills that apply to the nursing field, including the organization of the human body, patient hygiene needs, nutritional needs, care of surgical patients, vital signs, and medical terminology. While learning core information, students will further explore the nursing field through informed job shadowing or work-based experiences that will be coordinated with local sites, as well as a variety of healthcare facilities in the county.

Students will have the opportunity of obtaining various industry-valued certifications that are necessary to function effectively in nursing, such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from the American Heart Association, and First Aid. All Pre-Nursing students join their respective Career Technical Student Organization, HOSA-Future Health Professionals, and are continually challenged as they compete in local, regional, and state-level competitions. Students who successfully complete this program may be afforded prior learning assessment (PLA) credits with Mercer County Community College.

Pre-Nursing I

Grade Level: 11 Credits: 20

During the first year of the program, students will study body structure and function in depth. These teachings will be enhanced using laboratory exercises and hands-on demonstrations. Students investigate the history of medicine, communication skills, medical terminology, legal and ethical issues of the healthcare worker, as well as cultural diversity as it applies in healthcare. Students will have the opportunity of obtaining various certifications that are necessary to function effectively in nursing, such as CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and First Aid.

Pre-Nursing II

Grade Level: 12 Credits: 20

During the second year of the program, students will learn the basic overall concepts and skills that apply to the nursing field, including the importance of other health-related disciplines and their direct relationship to nursing. While learning the basic core information, students will further explore the nursing field through informed job shadowing or coordinated work-based learning experiences. Experiences may include areas, such as various areas within the acute care facility (hospital), long-term care facilities, fire and rescue, same-day surgery centers, medical offices, and schools. Students will also earn their Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification in this course.

Industry Valued Credentials & Certifications

- Bloodborne Pathogens Certificate
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification from the American Heart Association
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Certification from the American Heart Association

Articulation Agreements

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