

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Health Occupations



Employment for healthcare occupations is expected to grow 23% over the next 10 years, more than any other group of occupations. Wages for healthcare occupations vary by specialty. In 2020, the median salary for a home health aide was \$27,080 per year. For Respiratory Therapists with an associate’s degree, the median salary was \$62,810 in 2020. For physician’s assistants with a master’s degree the median salary in 2020 was \$115,390 per year.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

The Health Occupations Program offers students an opportunity to learn about and experience the many opportunities in the field of health care. Upon graduation students may be employed as certified nursing assistants or may use the strong foundation the program provides to seek additional post-secondary education or professional certifications. After receiving a foundation in basic nursing, first aid, and interpersonal skills, students will participate in clinical experiences at an extended care facility and an acute care hospital. Students will have the opportunity to earn college credits from both Rutgers University and Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC).

Curriculum:

Year 1: Basic health assisting, infection control, universal precautions, CPR/First Aid Certification, assessing vital signs

Year 2: Basic patient care, physical and psychological evaluation, nutrition, First Responder Certification

Year 3: Rutgers Health Science Career Program – Dynamics of Healthcare in Society – 3 college credits available if you entered the program as a freshman

Year 4: Rutgers - Medical Terminology – 3 college credits available, RVCC – Human Biology – 3 College Credits available

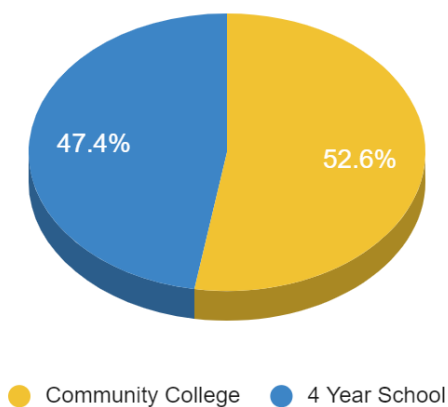
Classes meet for 2 periods/90 min per day, 5 days a week

Average number of new students accepted per year: 12

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: YES

Health Occupations Student Plans at Graduation



Future Careers

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| Anesthesiologist | Certified Nursing Assistant |
| Dental Assistant | Occupational Therapist |
| Medical Technician | Physical Therapy Assistant |
| Physician’s Assistant | Practical Nurse |
| Registered Nurse | |
| Emergency Medical Interventionist | |

Recent Student Post-Secondary Destinations

- Elizabethtown College
- Montclair State University
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Rutgers University
- Seton Hall University
- Wagner College
- William Paterson University

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SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions

Recent Awards

2019	Gold Medal	NJ State First Aid/CPR competition
2019	Silver Medal	NJ State Medical Terminology
2019	Silver Medal	National First Aid/CPR competition
2021	Bronze Medal	NJ State Health Occupations Professional Portfolio competition
2021	Silver Medal	NJ State First Aid/CPR competition



All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel. The Health Occupations advisory panel members include:

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Suzanne D'Anna	Program Director for Health Science, Rutgers University
Ellisa N. Lee	BS, RN, CDP, CADDCT, Regional Training Director
Sharon Nolan	RN, Old Bridge High School
Lauren Presly	Registered Nurse, Green Brook Medi-Merge
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