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).

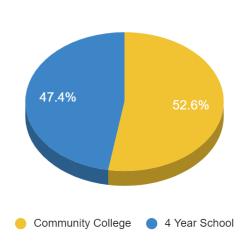
Curriculum:

- 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

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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SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms.

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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