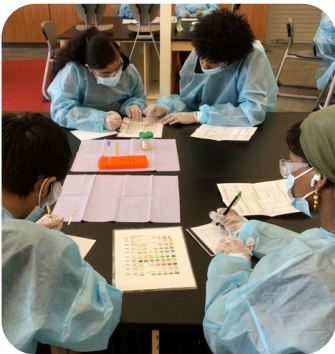




Healthcare Careers ACADEMY

THE FUTURE HEALTH OF OUR
COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON
PREPARING TOMORROW'S
WORKFORCE.

The Healthcare Careers Academy is a unique collaboration of Tacoma Public Schools, healthcare industry, higher education, and nonprofit organizations, with the goal of preparing high school students for a wide range of health care careers. Health Sciences career pathway courses are offered at most of our high schools. Students engage in skill building and training that lead to direct entry to high-demand workforce opportunities, high-skill postsecondary training, and livable wage careers.



INTENTIONAL CAREER EXPLORATION

As they begin the program, students research diverse opportunities in the health care field supplemented with guest speakers, field trips to worksites, campus tours, career fairs, and extended learning opportunities such as M.A.S.H. Camp. They also engage in exploratory coursework that is both rigorous and experiential, and get to practice in health care labs outfitted with state-of-the-art training equipment designed for hands-on activities, such as taking vitals, performing blood draws, sutures, and digital human dissections, and conducting a patient examination.



INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

As students progress through the program, they master specialized content and skills in patient care, anatomy and physiology, and laboratory procedures. Over the course of the pathway, students have the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications, including First Aid/CPR/AED, Basic Life Support, Prescription Drug Safety, HIPPA Compliance, OSHA-10 for Healthcare, and Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist. Juniors and seniors at Mount Tahoma High School can complete the required coursework and externship hours for a Medical Assistant certification.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students have the opportunity to participate in HOSA (Future Healthcare Professionals), a career and technical student organization for students exploring health care careers. Through their participation, they gain leadership and technical skill competencies, attend conferences, participate in competitive events, and network with peers and healthcare industry partners to develop leadership skills and compete at the annual state competition. They also have the opportunity to train in Teen Mental Health First Aid to serve as leaders in their school community.



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