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Applicant Number: _____

ROCKLAND BOCES
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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

NEW VISIONS HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Application Start Date: Monday, December 15, 2025
Application Deadline: Friday, February 13, 2026

Student's Full Name: _____Cell: _____

Address: _____

School Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Home School: _____ School Counselor: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

_____ Page 1 of Application Packet
_____ Application Questions & Essay (from Page 2) on Separate Sheet of Paper
_____ Counselor Evaluation
_____ Teacher Evaluation
_____ High School Transcript
_____ Current Report Card

ELIGIBILITY

Students interested in the **New Visions Health Careers Exploration Program** must apply by February of junior year. Candidate should be Honors/AP student with 93 or above GPA and eligible for graduation the following year. Candidate must have successfully completed three years of Honors or AP level math and science by end of 11th grade. In order to access the full benefits of the New Visions Health program, students that are accepted should provide their own transportation to classroom and workplace sites. However, transportation will be provided on a limited basis for students who are unable to provide their own.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Give the enclosed counselor evaluation to your school counselor and request a copy of your transcript and most recent report card to be submitted with application.
2. Give teacher evaluation to the respective teacher and ask him/her to return it promptly to your school counselor.
3. Provide the information requested on the New Visions application (including answers to questions & essay on separate sheet) and return all to your school counselor to be submitted by application deadline: **Friday, February 13, 2026.**
4. Your application will not be reviewed/considered complete until all items on the checklist above are received.
5. Applicants will be notified in March whether or not they have been selected to move forward to the interview portion of the application process. Interviews will be scheduled at that time.
6. All decisions will be emailed in May.

INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATE

New Visions Health Careers Exploration is a competitive program that seeks highly motivated, academically capable, and mature high school seniors who are interested in the health field. Through the academic portion of New Visions, students will complete various assignments and could gain 4 high school credits that could be honors level. In addition, students could earn college credits issued through Dominican University and/or Rockland Community College by completing additional assignments in this subject area.

New Visions Health
(Recommended Credits)

1 credit	English 12
1 credit	Health Occupations
½ credit	Health
½ credit	Participation in Government
½ credit	Economics
½ credit	Career & Financial Management

Dual Enrollment Opportunities:

Students are eligible to receive up to six (6) college credits from Dominican University for additional coursework.

Students are eligible to receive up to six (6) college credits from Rockland Community College for their coursework.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions. **Please type and submit on a separate sheet of paper along with essay.**

1. What are your career goals in medicine?
2. List your interests/activities outside of school.
3. List prior experiences (paid or volunteer) you have had in the health field.

ESSAY PROCEDURE

Please write a composition of approximately 250-300 words on **one** of the following topics:

1. An Issue I Feel Strongly About
2. Given the Chance, One Thing (Decision/Action) I Would Do Differently in My Life
3. One Major Change I Would Make in How My High School Operates

Name of Applicant: _____ Name of Counselor: _____

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

(To be completed by school counselor)

Procedure:

1. Please complete this section of the application.
2. Scan completed application packet (including Questions & Essay) along with applicant's transcript, most recent report card, and teacher evaluation to Nicole Minter: nminter@rboces.org by **application deadline: February 13, 2026**.

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Please rate the applicant in the following areas. Keep in mind that the student will be compared with other capable college preparatory students, and if accepted into the program, will be working closely with a variety of professionals in a hospital or legal setting. Maturity and communication skills are extremely important.

Rate 1 (Low) to 5 (High) or choose "No Basis" (No basis to judge)	***No Basis***	***1***	***2***	***3***	***4***	***5***
Ease with Adults						
Attendance						
Academic Ability						
Self-Motivation						
School/Community Participation						
Verbal Skills						
Writing Skills						
Commitment						
Dependability						
Ability to Work Independently						
Maturity						
Ability to Get Along with Others						

Please provide a narrative with supporting or clarifying information for any or all of the above areas. Feel free to add any additional feedback that you feel would be helpful in evaluating this applicant.

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_____ Recommended _____ Not Recommended

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TEACHER EVALUATION OF APPLICANT (CONFIDENTIAL)

Name of Applicant: _____ School: _____

Applicant's School Counselor: _____

To the Teacher:

The student named above is applying for the Rockland BOCES New Visions Health Careers Exploration program. This program takes top seniors from BOCES component schools who are interested in health careers, and places them in a medical setting during their senior year. Students work in various departments/offices at a medical facility alongside professionals. In addition, they will receive instruction for their Honors English 12 and Honors Social Studies 12 courses. They are also eligible to receive college credits for their coursework. This program is very competitive. Your honest assessment of this student will be helpful in selecting the most deserving students for this opportunity. Upon completion, please return this form to the student's school counselor. **Application deadline: February 13, 2026**.

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Please rate the applicant in the following areas. Keep in mind that the student will be compared with other capable college preparatory students, and if accepted into the program, will be working closely with a variety of adult professionals in a medical setting.

Rate 1 (Low) to 5 (High) or choose "No Basis" (No basis to judge)	***No Basis***	***1***	***2***	***3***	***4***	***5***
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Please provide a narrative with supporting or clarifying information for any or all of the above areas. Feel free to add any additional feedback that you feel would be helpful in evaluating this applicant.

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Teacher's Name: _____ Subject: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____