



MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY



PATHWAY OVERVIEW

The Mental Health Professional pathway introduces students to the knowledge, skills, and practices used to promote mental wellness and support behavioral health

Students explore human development, counseling skills crisis intervention, and mental health services while preparing for industry credentials, postsecondary education, and



CAREER CLUSTER

Healthcare & Human Services

COURSE SEQUENCE + WORK-BASED LEARNING

1

Introduction to Healthcare Science

Explores healthcare systems, employability skills, medical terminology, and the foundations of the healthcare environment.



2

Essentials of Healthcare

Builds knowledge of body systems, infection control, patient care, and healthcare safety procedures. This course has an embedded science credit.



3

Mental Health Professional

Introduces mental health concepts, human development, counseling skills, and behavioral health support services.



Work-Based Learning (Capstone Experience)

Participate in internships, job shadowing, or service learning experiences in mental health or human services settings

LEADERSHIP + INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION



COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES



- Behavioral Health
- Health Career Display
- Healthy Living
- Public Service Announcement
- Health Education
- Mental Health Promotion

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



- Health education initiatives
- HOSA Bowl
- Community service projects
- Officer Jump Start
- Guest speakers
- HOSA leadership conferences

CO-CURRICULAR / INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES



- Industry panels
- Clinicals
- Job shadowing
- Community outreach
- Case studies
- Mental health advocacy campaign

SCHOOLS OFFERING THIS PATHWAY

Northview

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Mental Health Assistant

CAREERS
Behavioral Health Technician

Case Manager

ATLANTA-AREA EMPLOYERS

NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL



EMORY HEALTHCARE

POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL / REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS



- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- Georgia Piedmont Technical College
- Gwinnett Technical College

DUAL ENROLLMENT



Metro-area dual enrollment options may include psychology, sociology, human services, or related opportunities health science courses. Verify current offerings through Georgia Futures.

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