



Health Science Career Cluster

The Health Science career cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostics services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from medical assistant, registered nurse, and physical therapist to forensic science technician and athletic trainer.

Statewide Program of Study: *Medical Assistant*

The Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with diagnosing and treating acute, episodic, or chronic illness independently or as part of a healthcare team. This program of study includes exploration of patient treatment and rehabilitative programs that help build or restore daily living skills to persons with disabilities or developmental delays.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

- Health Science Theory
- Medical Terminology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Medical Assistant
- Practicum in Health Science
- Pathophysiology



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Medical Assistant

Associate Degrees

- Emergency Medical Technology
- Radiologic Technology/Science

Bachelor's Degrees

- Emergency Medical Technology
- Medical Insurance Coding

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer



Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern with a medical assistant at a community clinic, hospital, assisted living, or long-term care facility
- Participate in job shadowing experiences such as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ride along or hospital/clinical job

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Participate in Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) or SkillsUSA
- Participate in Advanced Medical Ambulance Bus (AMBUS) event or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) event

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Medical Assistant



Example Aligned Occupations

Medical Assistants

Median Wage: \$37,568
Annual Openings: 11,247
10-Year Growth: 29%

Dental Hygienists

Median Wage: \$89,155
Annual Openings: 1,047
10-Year Growth: 32%

Physician Assistants

Median Wage: \$131,082
Annual Openings: 887
10-Year Growth: 41%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/hs-diagnostic-and-therapeutic-services-extended.pdf>



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Course Information

Level 1

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Principles of Health Science* 13020200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Principles of Diagnostic Healthcare N1302106 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Principles of Therapeutic Healthcare N1302110 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: Biology	
Principles of Allied Health* N1302105 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Introduction to Dental Science N1302101 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Introduction to Imaging Technology N1302102 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Introduction to Pharmacy Science N1302103 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 2

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Medical Terminology* 13020300 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Allied Health Therapeutic Services* N1302120 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Allied Health Recommended Corequisites: None	

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Level 2

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Dental Anatomy and Physiology N1302122 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Biology and Introduction to Dental Science Recommended Corequisites: None	
Disaster Response N1303011 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Recommended Corequisites: None	
Imaging Technology I N1302123 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Introduction to Imaging Technology Recommended Corequisites: None	
Pharmacy I 13021020 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Introduction to Pharmacy Science or Principles of Health Science and one credit in biology Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 3

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Anatomy and Physiology* 13020600 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: One credit in biology and one credit in chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), or physics Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: A course from the Health Science career cluster Recommended Corequisites: None	
Medical Microbiology* 13020700 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: One credit in biology, one credit in chemistry, and at least one credit in a course from the Health Science career cluster Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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Medical Assistant 13021015 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Anatomy and Physiology Corequisites: <i>Anatomy and Physiology</i> Recommended Prerequisites: Medical Terminology Recommended Corequisites: None	
Emergency Medical Technician–Basic N1303015 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Biology Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; and Anatomy and Physiology Recommended Corequisites: None	
Clinical Ethics* N1302121 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Nursing Science and Science of Nursing Recommended Corequisites: None	
Dental Equipment and Procedures N1302130 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Introduction to Dental Science and Dental Anatomy and Physiology Recommended Corequisites: None	
Health Science Theory* 13020400 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: One credit in biology and at least one credit in a course from the Health Science career cluster Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Medical Terminology Recommended Corequisites: Health Science Clinical	
Health Science Theory + Health Science Clinical* 13020410 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: One credit in biology and at least one credit in a course from the Health Science career cluster Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Medical Terminology Recommended Corequisites: None	
Respiratory Therapy I 13021120 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: At least one credit in a course from the Health Science career cluster Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Imaging Technology II N1302131 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Imaging Technology I Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Introduction to Imaging Technology Recommended Corequisites: None	
Pharmacy II 13021030 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: One credit in biology, one credit in chemistry, and Pharmacy I Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Algebra I, Introduction to Pharmacy Science, and Pharmacy I Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Mathematics for Medical Professionals* 13020970 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Geometry and Algebra II Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Pathophysiology* 13020800 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: One credit in biology, one credit in chemistry, and at least one credit in a Level 2 or higher course from the Health Science career cluster Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Anatomy and Physiology Recommended Corequisites: None	
Pharmacology* 13020950 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: One credit in biology, one credit in chemistry, and at least one credit in a Level 2 or higher course from the Health Science career cluster Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Respiratory Therapy II 13021122 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Respiratory Therapy I Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Optical Technician N1302126 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Biology or Principles of Health Science Recommended Corequisites: None	

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Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Practicum in Health Science* First Time Taken: 13020500 (2 credits) Second Time Taken: 13020510 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Health Science Theory and biology Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Health Science + Extended Practicum in Health Science* First Time Taken: 13020505 (3 credits) Second Time Taken: 13020515 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: Health Science Theory and biology Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation* First Time Taken: 12701141 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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