



# THERAPEUTIC SERVICES PATHWAY — NURSING

The Destinations **Therapeutic Services Pathway** prepares students for careers in medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, pharmacies, and labs, and they can become certified in the area of Nursing.

# SAMPLE COURSE PROGRESSION

4-YEAR PLAN

Business & Healthcare Explorations **Health Sciences 2** 

**Medical Terminology** 

**Anatomy & Physiology 1** 

**Anatomy & Physiology 2** 

Medical Assistant with Exam Prep 1

Medical Assistant with Exam Prep 2, 3

9TH

10TH

11TH

12TH

3-YEAR PLAN\*

**Business & Healthcare Explorations** 

**Health Sciences 2** 

**Medical Terminology** 

**Anatomy & Physiology 1** 

Anatomy & Physiology 2

Medical Assistant with Exam Prep

## **Possible Careers**

- Advanced Practical Nurse
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Medical Assistant
- Registered Nurse

### **Industry-Recognized Credentials**

Destinations programs prepare students for the:

- National Occupational Competency Testing Institute Health Assisting Exam
- Certified Nursing Assistant Certification

### **Success Beyond High School**

Destinations graduates may pursue:

- Health and wellness administration certificate
- Associate's degree in health administration
- · Bachelor's degree in nursing

# **DID YOU KNOW?\*\***

NURSING ASSISTANTS
CAN EARN

\$24,400/YR

15%-21%
JOB GROWTH EXPECTED BY 2022

REGISTERED NURSES
CAN EARN

\$65,470/YR

15%-22%
JOB GROWTH EXPECTED BY 2022



# THERAPEUTIC SERVICES PATHWAY NURSING

# **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

# BUSINESS AND HEALTHCARE EXPLORATIONS

This course is designed as an exploration of two career clusters. Students will receive an introduction to these fields so they can better assess which pathway to pursue. In this course, students explore basic concepts in the broad areas of business and healthcare as well as career options in each area. In addition to studying concepts of entrepreneurship, accounting, and marketing, students explore these concepts on scales that range from a single person to nations. The second part of this course introduces students to the various disciplines within the health sciences, including toxicology, clinical medicine, and biotechnology. Students explore the importance of diagnostics and research in the identification and treatment of diseases.

## **HEALTH SCIENCES 2**

Challenging. Variable. Rewarding. These three words can be used to describe many careers in the health sciences. In this course, students will learn more about what it takes to be a successful health science professional, including how to communicate with patients. Students will explore the rights and responsibilities of both patients and health science professionals in patient care and learn more about how to promote wellness among patients and healthcare staff. Finally, students will learn more about safety in health science settings and the challenges and procedures of emergency care, infection control, and blood-borne pathogens.

# INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

This course is designed for the beginning healthcare student and simplifies the process of learning hundreds of complex medical terms. The course helps students understand specialties, pathology, diagnostic techniques, and treatment procedures. The course includes critical-thinking exercise scenarios that involve patients and pathology so students can apply their knowledge to the real world.

### **ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 1 AND 2**

These courses introduce the basics required for the study of the human body and how it functions. Students receive a general introduction to life functions, the terminology and phonetic pronunciations used to describe body parts and their locations, as well as an overall review of human development and body processes. This course also includes infection control and standard precautions, which emphasize the importance of maintaining health and safety in the healthcare work environment as well as highlighting the latest practices and protocols.

# NURSING ASSISTANT WITH EXAM PREP 1, 2, AND 3

These courses prepare nursing assistants to pursue careers in acute care, long-term care, and home health. Students learn key skills in patient handling and transfers, wound care, communication, safety, and record keeping. Students also learn about infection control, safety, culture, working with difficult patients, OSHA, communication, age-appropriate care, and legal considerations. Optional lab practicums and materials: Students who wish to complete optional lab practicums will need to arrange access to a standard clinical lab with common furniture, fixtures, tools, equipment, and disposable and consumable materials. All costs of optional lab practicums and materials are paid by the student. For a comprehensive list of equipment and materials, please contact a K12 instructor or representative.