



This network is designed for the student who wants to experience school through authentic learning opportunities outside the classroom. Whether a student is active in a career mentorship role or enrolled in teacher or entrepreneur academies, this network is built for them. The Young Professionals Network is for the student who wants to personalize their learning through authentic real world experiences while becoming a young professional.

Health Professionals Academy

2 Elective Credits Year 1

Health Professionals Academy

2 Elective Credits Year 2

What is the Health Professionals Academy? Designed as an introduction to the healthcare professions, students learn the basics of healthcare that are applicable to any career in this area. Students develop skills in the following areas: infection control, first aid, CPR, vital signs, medical terminology, career awareness and employability, and leadership and communication. The basic structure and function of the human body is also covered in the course. In addition, students will be exposed to the wide variety of careers available in this field through guest speakers, trips to community healthcare providers, and educational facilities. Students will gain a realistic expectation of the cost of schooling, the education required, and potential income from healthcare careers. Emphasis is placed on employability in healthcare, and building relationships in the present that may lead to opportunities in the future.

What are the opportunities in Health Professionals Academy? Students are exposed to the careers in healthcare through a variety of real-world opportunities including: a vital signs clinic, earning BLS CPR certification, a health fair at a local senior center, field trips, and school/community service projects. The year 2 program for seniors incorporates a mentorship component, in which students are out in their field of interest, making valuable connections with those currently practicing in the healthcare industry.

What are the options in Health Professionals Academy? This is a yearlong course offered at the Innovation Campus as a Tolles satellite program. The courses include:

Course #980075: Junior or Senior Year: Health Professionals Academy Year 1

- 2 Elective Credits
- Gain a foundational knowledge of skills necessary for success in any healthcare field
- Discover if the healthcare field is a possible career choice for you
- If you are certain about a career in healthcare, narrow your possibilities based upon your interests and discoveries during the year
- Participate in a class vital signs clinic
- Participate in a health fair for local senior citizens
- Opportunity to earn BLS CPR/First Aid certification
- Opportunity to earn college credit through a partnership with Columbus State Community, College Credit + program. Students must have a qualifying ACT or Accuplacer score to earn credit. 2 credit hours for Medical Terminology.

Course #980076: Senior Year: Health Professionals Academy Year 2

- 2 Elective Credits
- Only students that have successfully completed Year 1 will be accepted into the Year 2 program.
- Students must have a 2.5 overall GPA, and have earned a B or higher in Health Professionals Academy Year 1. They must have a desire to learn about a particular healthcare field, have excellent attendance, no discipline concerns, and provide their own transportation to and from mentorship sites.
- Students **continue** their Healthcare Academy experience by obtaining a mentorship position (with assistance from instructor) in the community based on their goals after graduation, interests and curiosities.
- Students will be out in the community for 40+ hours per semester, shadowing an expert in their field of interest.
- Individualized learning experiences based upon each students' area of interest
- Earn HIPAA certification from a nationally recognized provider of healthcare education

Students will complete a portfolio showcasing their accomplishments in high school and in Health Professionals Academy. This will include a professional resume, cover letter, examples of healthcare projects and leadership roles, college essays and documentation of their mentoring experience. This portfolio, along with **recommendation letters from mentors is to serve them as they seek admission to educational institutions or placement in the workforce after graduation.**

HPA is excited to offer students the opportunity to take NURC 1101 at CSCC in the summer between junior and senior year at no cost. This class qualifies students to take the state test for nurse aides in Ohio. Most nursing schools require the completion of STNA prior to admission to their program, and this certification would grant access to well-paying entry level positions in local health care facilities.

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