



MVTHS--CTE DEPARTMENT

Health Science Technology Course Descriptions 2011 – 2012

1000 Orientation to Health Occupations

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The course will expose students to the variety of opportunities available within the health care industry (e.g., such as nursing, therapy, vision and dental care, administrative services, and lab technology) which include classroom and community-based activities. The main purpose of this course is to assist students in further development of their self-concept and in matching personal abilities and interest to a tentative career choice. Course content will provide in-depth information into health occupations careers and trends, the occupational and educational opportunities and the educational, physical, emotional and attitudinal requirements. Basic first aid and CPR are also taught.

Length of course:	1 Semester
Credits per semester	.5
Grade level:	9, 10 (Juniors and seniors will be allowed in the course only if enrollment numbers make this possible. (Juniors will have priority.)
Prerequisite	None

1500 Principles of Biomedical Sciences (PBS)

HE150A/B

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Length of course:	1 2 Semester(s)
Credits per semester	1 .5
Grade level:	11, 12 (Mt. Vernon Township H.S. Freshman and sophomores are permitted to take course)
Prerequisite:	A grade of B or above in Algebra 1A or concurrent enrollment in Algebra 1A or higher level math EXPLORE (Math/Science) Score: 17+ PLAN (Math/Science) Score: 19+
Application:	Yes
Class size:	25

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3000 Health Occupation Entry-Level Skill Development

HE300A/B AVC

This Health Occupations Core Skill class is open to junior and senior students who have an interest in the health field. The course includes affective, cognitive, and psychomotor skills which are common to most Health Occupations. Students spend time in the classroom learning basic medical terminology, body structure and function, and mastering tasks for various medical occupations. Second semester students will be certified in CPR/First Aid/AED as well as complete the 40-Hour First Responder course. Once completed, students will be eligible to sit for the Illinois state test for licensure. Students will also be rotated through clinical departments such as; x-ray, occupational therapy, physical therapy, laboratory, respiratory therapy, surgery, dietary. Medical offices, which include veterinarian, dental, physical medicine, and other related health departments, are also included in the rotation. Student performance, in the clinical setting, is evaluated by the department supervisors and the regular classroom teacher. Final grades are determined by the classroom teacher. It is recommended that the Health Occupations Core Skills course be taken before the Health Care Aide. Students are responsible for a uniform and white shoes as well as a watch with second hand and black EMS pants.

Length of course:	2 Semesters
Credits per semester	1
Grade level:	11, 12
Prerequisite:	None
Dual Credit	Rend Lake College: OFTC 1280 – Medical Terminology (3 credit hours) —Junior/Senior only
Application:	Yes

4000 Nursing Assistant

HE400A/B AVC

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Health Care Aide is open to juniors and seniors who have the desire to go into some phase of the nursing profession. Conditions of illness, nursing tasks, and advanced medical terminology make up the classroom work. Students are given the opportunity to work with patients in local nursing homes and hospitals. Grades are achieved according to the mastery of nursing skill, application of theory, and adaptation to work. Students will receive a certificate of completion in Basic Nurse Assistant Training upon successful completion of the course.

Students may then apply to take the Nurse Assistant Training examination for certification. Passing this exam is necessary in order to be placed on the registry for the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Certified Nurse Assistant (C.N.A.). The cost of the C.N.A. examination is to be paid by the student. Supplies needed for this course are a watch with second hand, transfer belt, stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, uniform, and white shoes. Students are also required to submit to medical screening and criminal background check.

Length of course:	2 Semesters
Credits per semester	1
Grade level:	11, 12
Prerequisite:	Health Occupation Core Skill recommended
Dual Credit:	Rend Lake College: CNA 1201 – Certified Nursing Assistant (7 credit hours) —Junior/Senior only
Application:	Yes

5000 Interrelated Cooperative Education

BU500A/B AVC

This course is designed for senior students interested in pursuing careers in occupations related to the health care industry. Students are released from school for their paid cooperative education work experience and participate in 200 minutes per week of related classroom instruction. Classroom instruction focuses on providing students with job survival skills, career exploration skills related to the job, as well as improving students' abilities to interact positively with others. For skills related to the job, refer to the skill development course outlines and the task list of the desired occupational program.

A qualified, certified CTE instructor is responsible for supervision. Written training agreements and individual student training plans are developed and agreed upon by the employer, student and coordinator. The coordinator, student and employer assume compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The course content includes the following broad areas of emphasis: further career education opportunities, planning for the future, job-seeking skills, personal development, human relationships, legal protection and responsibilities, economics and the job, organizations, and job termination. Classroom and worksite instruction is based on the tasks in an occupation.

Length of course:	2 Semesters
Credits per semester	1.5
Grade level:	12
Prerequisite:	Completion of one credit of skill-specific training in an approved CTE program recommended.