

Health Science Career Cluster

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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.



Endorsement: **Public Service Statewide Program of Study: Healthcare Therapeutic - Pharmacology**

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

- 9th Grade Principles of Health Science (Level 1)
- 10th Grade Medical Terminology (Level 2)
- 11th Grade Health Science Theory (Level 3) **AND** Pharmacology (KCC) (Level 4)
 Elective Science: Anatomy and Physiology - (Level 3)
- 12th Grade Practicum in Health Science I - Pharmacology (KCC) (Level 4)
 Elective Science: Pathophysiology – (KCC) (Level 4)

A CTE Completer is a student who completes three or more CTE courses for four or more credits including one Level 3 or 4 (advanced level) CTE course within a program of study will fulfill the requirements of a Business and Industry Endorsement.

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Certified Pharmacy Technician



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

NAVIANCE ACCESS

All Killeen ISD students (7th – 12th graders) should login to their Naviance account through Clever.

Log into Naviance by clicking the Clever logo or link and use the College SuperMatch Tool to find colleges offering degree plans in this field.

<https://clever.com/in/killeenisd>



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



Example Aligned Occupations

Pharmacy Technician

Median Wage: \$35,110
Annual Openings: 3,990
10-Year Growth: 19%

Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists

Median Wage: \$51,400
Annual Openings: 2,270
10-Year Growth: 16%

Pharmacist

Median Wage: \$130,110
Annual Openings: 1,240
10-Year Growth: 10%

Pharmacology

Data Source: Texas Wages, 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/programs-of-study-additional-resources>

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Endorsement: *Public Service* Statewide Program of Study

Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services - Pharmacology

Course Information

IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STUDENT TO TAKE ALL COURSES LISTED IN EACH GRADE

	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Level 1 9 th Grade	Principles of Health Science* 13020200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
	Level 2 10 th Grade	Medical Terminology* 13020300 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None
Level 3 11 th Grade		Anatomy and Physiology* 13020600 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: One credit in Biology and one credit in Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry, or Physics Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: A course from the Health Science career cluster 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: None 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	
Level 4 12 th Grade	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	
	Practicum in Health Science Pharmacology First Time Taken: 13020505 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Health Science Theory and Biology Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.