



Direct Patient Care Career Pathway

7 Rivers
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EXPLORE: Click on the links to find the job titles that seem most interesting to you to learn more! Save any jobs you are interested in from this career pathway in your XELLO account so that you can create an Academic and Career Plan (ACP) later on. The careers listed below reflect the high skill, high demand direct patient care jobs needed in Wisconsin. Not all healthcare careers will be represented on this pathway.

Educational Level May also require work experience	Allied and Health Professionals <i>(Non-Nursing and Non-Behavioral Health Careers)</i>	Nursing	Mental and Behavioral Health	Diagnostic Services <i>(Imaging/Laboratory)</i>
High School Diploma/Equivalency	<p> Activities Assistant Dietary Aide Home Health Aide * <input type="radio"/> Patient Customer Service Representative * <input type="radio"/> Patient Advocate <input type="radio"/> Personal Care Aide <input type="radio"/> Transporter Mental Health Navigator Anesthesia Technician Range \$29,932-\$58,905 </p>			
Additional Training, Certificate Program, or Technical Diploma	<p> Direct Care Professional * <input type="radio"/> Dental Assistant * <input type="radio"/> Emergency Medical Technician * <input type="radio"/> Medical Assistant * <input type="radio"/> Patient Care Technician * <input type="radio"/> Pharmacy Technician * <input type="radio"/> Community Health Worker <input type="radio"/> Sterile Processing Technician <input type="radio"/> Range \$39,000-\$50,000 </p>	<p> Nursing Assistant * <input type="radio"/> <i>(Beneficial for any future direct patient care careers)</i> Range \$33,280-\$45,760 Licensed Practical Nurse * <input type="radio"/> Range \$44,560-\$63,360 </p>	<p> Mental Health Technician * <input type="radio"/> Peer Support Specialist Range \$31,200-\$68,350 </p>	<p> Medical Lab Assistant <input type="radio"/> EKG Technician Ophthalmic Lab Technician <input type="radio"/> Phlebotomist <input type="radio"/> Dental Lab Technician <input type="radio"/> Range \$31,200-\$94,370 </p>
Registered Apprenticeship	<p> Medical Assistant * <input type="radio"/> Pharmacy Technician * <input type="radio"/> Range \$37,440-\$59,860 </p>			
Associate Degree	<p> Occupational Therapy Assistant <input type="radio"/> Paramedic <input type="radio"/> Physical Therapy Assistant <input type="radio"/> Respiratory Therapist <input type="radio"/> Surgical Technologist * <input type="radio"/> Dental Hygienist * <input type="radio"/> Range \$40,372-\$86,980+ </p>	<p> Registered Nurse (ADN) * <input type="radio"/> Range \$62,080-\$111,220 </p>	<p> Community and Social Service Specialist <input type="radio"/> Substance Abuse Counselor * <input type="radio"/> Psychiatric Technician <input type="radio"/> Range \$31,200-\$54,230 </p>	<p> Nuclear Medicine Technician Cardiovascular Technician <input type="radio"/> Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technician <input type="radio"/> Radiologic Technologist <input type="radio"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRI Technician Diagnostic Medical Sonographer/Ultrasound Range \$33,280-\$102,600 </p>
Bachelor Degree, Masters, and Ph.D.	<p> Doctor <input type="radio"/> Occupational Therapist <input type="radio"/> Pharmacist <input type="radio"/> Physical Therapist <input type="radio"/> Speech Language Pathologist <input type="radio"/> Public Health Professional <input type="radio"/> Physician Assistant * <input type="radio"/> Community Health Educator Range \$58,240-\$208,000+ </p>	<p> Clinical Nurse Specialist <input type="radio"/> Nurse Anesthetist * <input type="radio"/> Nurse Practitioner * <input type="radio"/> Nurse Midwife <input type="radio"/> Professor or Nurse Educator * <input type="radio"/> Registered Nurse (BSN) * <input type="radio"/> Public Health Nurse <input type="radio"/> Range \$41,130-\$208,000+ </p>	<p> Counselor * <input type="radio"/> Psychologist <input type="radio"/> Psychiatrist * <input type="radio"/> Social Worker * <input type="radio"/> Range \$39,520-\$208,000+ </p>	<p> Clinical Laboratory Scientist/Medical Technologist <input type="radio"/> Nuclear Medicine Technologist <input type="radio"/> Radiologic Assistant Radiologist <input type="radio"/> Medical Physicist Range \$32,280-\$208,000+ </p>
Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options

* **BRIGHT OUTLOOK** = these jobs are expected to grow in the future – which means more opportunities for you! **XELLO** = you can learn more and save this job in your Xello account (note: some job titles might look a little different in Xello)



Direct Patient Care Career Pathway In High School 7 Rivers



A career pathway in high school must include:

- A sequence of courses (including at least 2 CTE courses)
- Two of the following components: *Career and Technical Student Organization, Work-based Learning, Industry Recognized Credential, College Credit Opportunity*

Career and Technical Education Courses	Must include a sequence of at least TWO Career and Technical Education courses. Should align with the curriculum standards for the pathway:			Career Exploration Opportunities
Additional Employer Recommended Courses	Should align with the appropriate standards for the course for this pathway:			Statewide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin AHEC • Wisconsin PATCH • Raise Your Voice -NAMI Wisconsin Regional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CESA 4/Mississippi Valley YA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CESA 5 YA • Bluffview YA • La Crosse YA • Western Wisconsin YA • Destinations Career Academy • Mayo Clinic Career Exploration • Gundersen Health Student Programs Local: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
Career and Technical Student Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin HOSA-Future Health Professionals • Wisconsin FCCLA - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America 			
Work-Based Learning Program Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employability Skills (90 hrs) • Youth Apprenticeship- Health Science (450 hrs/year; 1-2 years) • Local Work-based Learning Programs that meet state quality requirements 			
	Allied and Health Professionals (Non-Nursing and Non-Behavioral Health Careers)	Nursing	Mental and Behavioral Health	
Industry Recognized Credential Options Learn the skills that employers want to see! <i>Italics = must be 18 years old to obtain</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal of Biliteracy (DPI) • Certificate of Global Competence (DPI) • Basic Life Support (AHA) or Professional Rescuer (ARC) CPR/AED and First Aid • Youth Mental Health First Aid (NCMW) • Certified Direct Care Professional (DHS) • Patient Care Technician* (NHA) • Respite Care Provider (RCAW) 			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Nursing Assistant* (DHS) • Medication Aide/Assistant* (DHS) 		
<i>*This certification is eligible for reimbursement through the technical incentive grant</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeding Assistant* (DHS) • Emergency Medical Responder* (NREMT) • Medical Assistant* (AAMA, AMT, NHA) • Pharmacy Technician* (PTCB) • Emergency Medical Technician* (NREMT) 			
College Credit Opportunities	You can find the list of college credit opportunities included in the postsecondary options for this pathway HERE .			

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at <Name of High School>

Your Academic and Career Plan (ACP) for this career pathway starts here...



Add your district logo here!

Use this page to figure out which classes and activities you will take to prepare for this career pathway. Record your plan in XELLO.

Career and Technical Education Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTE Course #1 CTE Course #2 			Start creating your professional network through CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES . Record your experiences in XELLO.	
Other Recommended Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course #1 Course #2 			<u>State:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Name/link #1 Program Name/link #2 	
Career and Technical Student Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of CTSO 			<u>Regional:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Name/link #1 Program Name/link #2 	
Work-Based Learning Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WBL Option #1 WBL Option #2 			<u>Local:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Name/link #1 Program Name/link #2 	
Industry Recognized Credential Options <i>Italics = must be 18 years old to obtain</i>	Allied and Health Professionals <i>(Non-Nursing and Non-Behavioral Health Careers)</i>	Nursing	Behavioral Health	Diagnostic Services <i>(Imaging/Laboratory)</i>	
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College Credit Opportunities and Post Secondary Options You can find the list of college credit opportunities for this pathway HERE You can find the postsecondary options for this pathway HERE .	College Courses Offered at Your High School				
	Transcripted Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of HS Course #1, IHE granting credit Name of HS Course #2, IHE granting credit 	AP and/or IB Courses		Name of AP/IB Course #1 - Score, College, Course	Name of AP/IB Course #2 - Score, College, Course
	College Courses You Can Take at a College Campus				
	Application Deadlines: October 1st: Spring Courses February 1st: Summer Courses (ECCP only) March 1st: Fall Courses				
Start College Now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of College #1, College Course #1 Name of College #1, College Course #2 Name of College #2, College Course #1 Name of College #2, College Course #2 	Early College Credit Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name of College #1, College Course #1 - Name of College #1, College Course #2 - Name of College #2, College Course #1 - Name of College #2, College Course #2 				