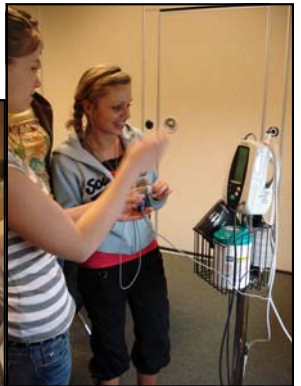
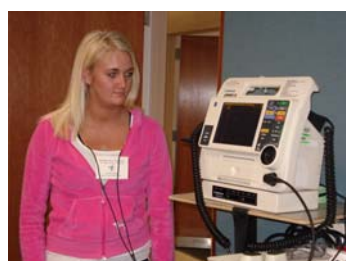


HEALTH CAREER PROGRAM GUIDE

Tomorrow's health care is dependent upon today's students. The North Central KY Area Health Education Center (AHEC) strives to educate students about the variety of careers in health care. You can help your students by participating in several programs through the NC AHEC. This publication outlines many opportunities for students in middle school and high school to explore and find a career in health care that meets their interest.

Please call us for more information or to schedule a presentation of any of our health career programs.





HEALTH CAREER CLUBS*

Does your school offer a variety of clubs for its students? If so, let us facilitate a Health Career Club focused on students who are interested in a career in health care. Each meeting will focus on a different career and we'll bring examples of hands-on equipment and information on educational requirements. We'll meet before, during, or after school depending on your school schedule. Health Career Clubs can be coordinated for both middle and high school students.

Careers & Topics Highlighted:

- Universal Precautions
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Forensics
 - Nursing
 - Nutritionist/ Dietician
 - Surgical Technologist
 - Radiologist
 - Medical Specialties
 - College & Scholarships
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HEALTH CAREER SHOWCASE*

Each September the NC AHEC hosts the Health Career Showcase at Thomas More College. All Northern Kentucky high schools are invited to bring up to 50 students who are interested health careers. The students and teachers have the chance to meet with representatives from approximately 30 different careers. Academic programs are also represented from area colleges. Each representative provides students with information on educational requirements, average salary, pros and cons of the job, and job outlook. Hands-on opportunities are also provided to allow students to get a closer look at the careers available. Many schools have become "regulars" and bring a group of students each year. Contact the NC AHEC office to RSVP.

CAREER FAIRS/ CAREER DAYS*

The NC AHEC would be glad to help out with your school career fair or career day. We can represent health careers in general and provide information on a variety of careers, or we can present on a specific career that you need. Presentations can be given to small groups, or large quantities of handouts can be prepared for large fairs. Please contact our office to see how we can fulfill your needs.

* Programs are offered free of charge by the NC AHEC

HEALTH CAREER EXPLORERS

For students who are interested in learning more about careers in health care the Health Career Explorers program may be a good fit. Students who apply and are accepted make the commitment to meet at an area hospital one night per month. They will visit with hospital staff and tour a variety of hospital departments behind the scenes. The program is offered to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The program costs \$35 to cover insurance and activities fees. Applications are available in September and space is limited.

Possible departments visited:

Surgery & Sterile Processing
Labor and Delivery
Physical & Occupational Therapy
Nursing
Emergency Services
Radiology Department



CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS*

The NC AHEC can offer supplemental presentations for science, health, or career classes in middle or high school. Presentation topics include an overview of health careers or specific careers based on class topics. One of the most popular presentations covers laparoscopic technology—the use of technology in health care, specifically in surgical procedures. Regardless of the topic, hands-on equipment is brought in and the use of brief video clips is utilized. Most presentations last 30—45 minutes and can be customized to specific classroom needs.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES*

The NC AHEC recruits high school students for several summer camp opportunities across the state. These camps range from local week long day camps to six week long residential camps at state universities. Camps focus on health careers as well as math and science enrichment. These summer programs are offered free of charge and applications are available during the winter and spring months. Please contact the AHEC office for more information.



GUIDANCE COUNSELOR WORKSHOP

Every other spring the NC AHEC plans and coordinates an all day work shop for middle and high school guidance counselors educating them on careers in healthcare. Because guidance counselors are in a unique position to help students decide on their future occupation, the objective of this program is to inform guidance counselors on current and future shortages of health care workers, and provide information on several health professions and occupations that are in high demand. Speakers from across the state share the importance of their field, educational requirements, daily job duties, average salary, and what type of student my be interested in their career. Careers are chosen under the suggestion of counselors, needs of the community, and availability of speakers.

Partnering with the Northern Kentucky Counseling Association, the Division of Leadership Development, and the Kentucky Department of Education, leadership development credit is awarded to those who participate fully in the workshop. The program is offered free of charge and lunch and refreshments are provided by the NC AHEC. The program runs from 8:00am until 3:30pm. Please contact us for more information and to acquire registration materials.

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