**College Credit in High School**

Find your passion. Get a head start. Experience college with rock star teachers. Earn **FREE** college credit. WHY NOT!

**Experience**

Unique, hands-on learning experience providing care for patients in a clinical setting. Work side-by-side with health care professionals in a health care facility and fulfill prerequisites for many college health programs.

**Outcome**

Perform basic nursing skills through hands-on, direct patient care. Examples include: assessment of vital signs, such as taking blood pressure, temperature and respiration; performing basic hygiene and transfer skills (bathing, dressing and feeding) and learning to communicate with residents and the health care team.

**Career Focus**

Immediate employment opportunities for CNA certification, prepared for a wide-variety of college majors focusing on patient care fields. Determine if you are ready for a career in the health care field, build professional networking relationships.

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**College Credits Earned:** 12.5

**Certification opportunities:** State of Iowa Nurse Aide Certification Exam (CNA) and American Heart Association CPR

The Patient Care Academy Program can lead students to college certificates such as Diplomas, Associates, Bachelors and Graduate degrees. Examples of college majors include, but are not limited to: Nursing, Athletic Training, Pre-Med, Exercise Science, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Radiology and Respiratory Therapy. If you are planning to transfer to a four-year college or university after attending Kirkwood Community College, specific transfer information can be found at [www.kirkwood.edu/fouryeartransfer](http://www.kirkwood.edu/fouryeartransfer).

**Iowa Average Salaries in Healthcare Careers**

- **CNA:** $12.15 hour/$25,270
- **LPN:** $18.63 hour/$38,750
- **RN/BSN:** $25.97 hour/$54,020
- **Physical Therapist:** $36.49 hour/$75,900
- **Physician Assistant:** $44.23 hour/$92,000
- **Physician/Surgeon/Other:** $105.56 hour/$219,570

More info can be found at: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

**College Credit Courses**

Courses subject to change based on college curriculum. (Offered AM & PM)

**FALL**

**HSC-205 | Exploration of Healthcare Careers | 3 College Credits**

Explores all aspects of health care and careers in the field. Includes field trips to The University of Iowa and the Kirkwood Simulation Center. Covers the past, present and future of health care. Introduces key career cluster terms and career options within each career cluster. Provides career information, including education required for each area, educational costs to attain a degree versus potential career earnings, job descriptions, case studies and skills needed for specific career areas. Results in CPR for the Healthcare Provider and Basic First Aid certification upon successful completion.

**HSC-115 | Medical Terminology | 4 College Credits**

A comprehensive study of medical terminology as the language of medicine. Analyzes words by dividing them into component parts. Relates the medical terms to the structure and functional pathology of diseases and current medical procedures.

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**SPRING**

**HSC-107 | Professionals in Health | 2 College Credits**

Learn the skills and characteristics expected for professional preparation and employability. Explore the health industry, see current trends and issues, and study the work environment as it relates to health and safety regulations.

**HSC-168 | Nurse Aide | 3.5 College Credits**

Provide safe, effective resident care by mastering basic care giving skills and concepts. This class includes lecture, lab and clinical hours per state guidelines.

**Need To Know**

Must be 16 by March 1st for clinical experience in spring. Required to have a current physical (a Kirkwood Community College physical form is required and can be used during a sports physical) and immunization records completed and then submitted to Certified Background during the first semester of the Career Academy. Per state requirements, all healthcare facilities require criminal background checks, including students in a clinical setting.

Most KCC health programs require **ACT:** English(18) Reading(16) Math(18) or **Accuplacer:** Writing(92), Reading(90). Math score varies by program.