

Montgomery County Community College  
HCP 105  
Careers in Health Care  
1-1-0

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Professions in the health care industry offer students a wide range of career opportunities. This course will provide an overview of the health care industry and the variety of disciplines that support it. The course will investigate health care careers, focusing on the nature of the work, legal and ethical responsibilities, as well as required abilities, educational preparation and credentialing. Understanding the impact of current trends in health care on employment will assist students toward planning and pursuit of their own career goals. An opportunity to interface with a variety of health care practitioners encourages discussion and examination of professional activities.

**REQUISITES:**

*Previous Course Requirements*

None

*Concurrent Course Requirements*

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Discuss the current employment trends in today's Health Care System.	Audio-Visual Material Assigned Readings Lecture/Discussion Forum Research of Employment Opportunities	Discussion Forum Participation
2. Describe the major disciplines within the Health Care System.	Audio-Visual Material Assigned Readings Lecture/Discussion Forum Research and Discussion Forum on Varied Health Care Professions	Discussion Forum Participation Research Assignment
3. Identify the educational requirements for the major disciplines within Health Care.	Audio-Visual Material Assigned Readings Lecture/Discussion Forum Research of Educational Requirements for Various Health Care Professions	Discussion Forum Participation Educational and Career Plan

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
4. Describe personal strengths and interests as they relate to a career plan.	Assigned Reading Aptitude and Interest Inventory Written Personal and Professional Goal Statements	Personal and Professional Goal Statement Self-Evaluation Aptitude and Interest Inventory Completion
5. Utilize current technologies to research educational options.	Utilize Various College, University as well as Other Websites to Investigate Educational and Career Options Related to Health Care Professions	Educational and Career Plan Discussion Forum Participation Research of Health Care Profession
6. Develop a personal plan for successful entry into a Health Care profession.	Participate in Job Shadowing or Interview of a Health Care Professional; Research a Health Profession of Choice	Job Shadowing/Interview Experience  Research of a Health Care Profession

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

#### SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Identification of Personal Learning Goals
2. Overview of the Health Care Industry Today and in the Future
3. Essential Professions in a Growing Health Care Industry
4. Exploration of Career Options:
  - a. Practitioner Careers
  - b. Associated Health Care Careers
  - c. Adjunctive Health Careers: Technologists and Technicians
  - d. Rehabilitation Careers: Therapists and Therapists Assistants
  - e. Affiliated Health Careers
5. Educational Requirements for Health Care Disciplines
6. Methods of Evaluating Aptitude and Interest in Setting Career Goals
7. Resources Available to Attain One's Educational and Career Goals
8. Preparation for the Job Search Process
9. Job Shadowing and/or Interview of a Health Care Professional

#### LEARNING MATERIALS:

Wischnitzer, S. & Wischnitzer, E. (2011). *Top 100 Health Care Careers: Your Complete Guidebook to Training and Jobs in Allied Health, Nursing, Medicine, and More* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Indianapolis: JIST Works, Inc.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

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*This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.*