

COURSE PATHWAYS

DPS 61 High Schools

Health Science/Therapeutic Services
 Program of Study:
 NURSING/RN (NURS)



Registered nurses (RNs) manage, coordinate, and provide a wide range of care for patients and their families. Collecting and interpreting patient data and identifying patterns that may predict the direction of illness are essential nursing functions. Skills performed include wound care, starting IVs, administering medications, and giving immunizations. Assessing patients' physical and mental health are important duties which include obtaining medical histories; and taking blood pressures, temperatures, and other vital signs. RNs educate patients and their families on a wide range of health topics. RNs collaborate with patients, families, and other healthcare providers.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES	SUGGESTED COURSEWORK			
<p>Registered nurses work in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, physicians' offices, home care, and schools. Employment outlook is expected to continue to grow.</p> <p>RNs may specialize in areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pediatrics • Mental Health • Trauma • Geriatrics • Obstetrics • Surgery • Oncology • Orthopedics <p>With additional education nurses can advance to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education or management • Nurse midwife • Nurse anesthetist • Nurse practitioner 	High School	9th	English I	Health, Physical Education (semester each)
			Algebra I	Freshman Seminar
			Honors Biology (min grade of B)	Elective
			World Geography/Advanced Ancient Civilization	
		10th	English II	Physical Education
			Geometry	Elective
			Honors Chemistry I (min grade of B)	Driver's Education
			World History	
		11th	American Literature	Physical Education
			Algebra II	Elective
			Human Anatomy (min grade of B)	HTA option:
		12th	U.S. History	HLTH 140 Med Term & HLTH 115 Intro to HLTH careers
World Literature or RCC ENGL 101 (Fall) 102 (Spring)	RCC AFAM 120 (Spring)			
Math 098	Consumer Education Requirement (semester)			
Psychology or RCC PSYCH 110 -Fall	Physical Education			
<h3>CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES</h3>			Sociology or RCC SOCIO 110 -Spring	HTA option: Nursing Assistant
<p>Career Coach https://richland.emsicareercoach.com/</p> <p>Career Cruising</p> <p>Job Shadowing: Contact human resource department at area hospitals to schedule</p> <p>Richland Nursing information http://www.richland.edu/programs/nurs</p>				
<h3>LICENSURE</h3> <p>http://www.idfpr.com/PROFS/Info/nursing.asp</p>				
<h3>PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS</h3>				
<p>www.nursingworld.org/</p> <p>http://www.acenursing.org/</p>				
<p>http://www.nln.org/</p>				