



# Pathways Wisconsin Patient Care M7 Regional High School Career Pathway



| Patient Care Pathways & Educational Skill Level | THERAPEUTIC SERVICES  |   |  | DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
|   | Direct Care   | Nursing<br><i>*crosses Direct Care &amp; Behavioral Health</i>  | Behavioral Health  |  |
| HS Diploma<br>Certifications                    | <u>Administrative Assistant/Health Unit Coordinator</u> , <u>Dietary Aide</u> , <u>Homemaker Companion</u> , <u>Home Health Aide*</u> , <u>Housekeeper</u> , <u>Activities Aide/Assistant</u> , <u>Orderly</u> , <u>Personal Care Aide/Assistant*</u> , <u>Patient Advocate</u> , <u>Registration Receptionist</u> , <u>Transporter</u><br>Median Wage: \$25,513 - \$39,120 |   |  |  |
| Certifications<br>Technical Diploma             | <u>Nursing Assistant*</u> (strongly recommended for all Therapeutic Service careers) Median Wage: \$27,420  |   |  | <u>EKG Technician*</u><br><u>Limited X-Ray Machine Operator</u><br><u>Phlebotomist*</u><br><u>Ophthalmic Assistant</u><br><u>Sterile Processing Technician*</u><br>Median Wage: \$35,320 - \$61,337  |
|   | <u>Emergency Medical Technician*</u><br><u>Medical Assistant*</u><br><u>Medication Aide/Technician*</u> (requires NA)<br><u>Pharmacy Technician*</u><br>Median Wage: \$27,193 - \$35,063  | <u>Licensed Practical Nurse*</u><br><br>Median Wage: \$45,690   | <u>Behavioral Aide*</u><br><u>Community Health Worker</u><br><u>Human Services Coordinator*</u><br><u>Peer Support Specialist</u><br>Median Wage: \$30,670 - \$36,440  |  |
| Associate Degree                                | <u>Occupational Therapy Assistant*</u><br><u>Paramedic*</u><br><u>Physical Therapy Assistant*</u><br><u>Respiratory Therapist*</u><br><u>Surgical Technician*</u><br>Median Wage: \$32,970 - \$65,850   | <u>Registered Nurse*</u> (ADN)<br><br>Median Wage: \$43,997   | <u>Community and Social Service Specialist*</u><br><u>Mental Health/Psychiatric Technician*</u><br>Median Wage: \$30,670 - \$32,113  | <u>Cardiopulmonary Technician*</u><br><u>Diagnostic Medical Sonographer*</u><br><u>Echocardiogram Technician*</u><br><u>Medical &amp; Clinical Laboratory Technician*</u><br><u>Radiologic Technician*</u><br><u>Sleep Sonographer</u><br>Median Wage: \$40,190 - \$80,493 |
| Bachelor Degree+                                | <u>Athletic Trainer</u><br><u>Audiologist</u><br><u>Chiropractor</u><br><u>Dietician*</u><br><u>Occupational Therapist*</u><br><u>Physician*</u><br><u>Physician Assistant</u><br><u>Physical Therapist*</u><br><u>Pharmacist*</u><br><u>Speech Language Pathologist*</u><br>Median Wage: \$32,867 - \$84,610   | <u>Clinical Nurse Specialist*</u><br><u>Informatics Nurse Specialist</u><br><u>Nurse Anesthetist*</u><br><u>Nurse Manager or Lead Nurse</u><br><u>Nurse Midwife</u><br><u>Nurse Practitioner*</u><br><u>Registered Nurse*</u> (BSN)<br><u>Professor or Nurse Educator</u><br><u>Nurse Researcher</u><br>Median Wage: \$67,290 - \$140,410 | <u>Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse</u><br><u>Community Health Educator*</u><br><u>Counselor*</u><br><u>Psychiatrist*</u><br><u>Psychologist*</u><br><u>Social Worker*</u><br>Median Wage: \$49,967 - \$154,740 | <u>Medical Technologist*</u><br><u>Nuclear Medicine Technologist</u><br><u>Radiologic Technologist*</u><br><u>Radiologist*</u><br><u>Ultrasound/Medical Sonographer*</u><br>Median Wage: \$41,330 - \$111,875  |

**Annual median wages:** the wage "in the middle." Half of the workers earned below this level. Often considered a more accurate reflection than "average wages" that can be misleading with extreme high or low.





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## HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

High schools offering a Regional Career Pathway need to include one option from each of the four elements. Students can get a head start in high school by completing 3 of the 4 pathway elements in a Regional Career Pathway.

### ELEMENT 1: Sequence of Courses

- Must offer a minimum of three related courses
- Courses should align with Patient Care Building Blocks

### ELEMENT 2: State Certified Work-Based Learning Program

- [Employability Skills](#) (90 hrs)
  - [State Skill Standards Co-Op- Health Science](#) (480 hrs/1 year)
  - [Youth Apprenticeship- Health Science](#) (450 hrs/year; 1-2 years)
  - Local Internship/Co-Op (90+ hrs/1 year) **IF State Approved**
- [Work-Based Learning \(WBL\) Guide](#)

### ELEMENT 3: College Credit Opportunities

*Can be one of the minimum sequence of 3 courses. College dual credit courses MUST count in the postsecondary program*

- AP/IB Courses & Scores accepted
- Technical College Classes ([Start College Now](#)) & Dual Credit Options
- University Classes ([CLEP](#), [CAPP](#), etc., and/or [Early College Credit Program](#))

### ELEMENT 4: Industry Recognized Certifications

*Note some certifications may be more appropriate for specific pathways than others*

Strongly Encouraged

- Basic Life Support (AHA) or Professional Rescuer (ARC) -CPR/AED and First Aid
- Certified Nursing Assistant\* (DHS)

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- Feeding Assistant\* (DHS)
- Medication Aide/Assistant\* (DHS)
- Emergency Medical Responder\* (NREMT)
- Medical Assistant\* (AAMA,AMT, NHA)
- *Pharmacy Technician\* (PTCB)*
- *Emergency Medical Technician\* (NREMT)*
- *Phlebotomy\* (AMT, NHA)*
- *Phlebotomy Technician\* (ASCP)*
- *IV Technician\* (ASCP)*
- *EKG Technician\* (NHA)*
- *Medication Aide/Assistant\* (DHS)*

*Italics = must be 18 years old to obtain*

**\*Approved for CTE Incentive Grants**

### Related Career Awareness and Exploration Experiences

- [Wisconsin HOSA](#)-Future Health Professionals
- [Inspire Wisconsin](#) - Connection to Wisconsin's Healthcare Employers
- [Wisconsin AHEC](#) - Pipeline Programming
- [ExploreHealthCareers.org](#) - Career Information
- [Health Occupations and Professions Exploration \(HOPE\)](#) - Seminar and Summer Internship
- [MCW High School Program](#)
- [Milwaukee Area Health Education Center](#)
- [MCW Summer Enrichment Programs](#)
- [Froedtert HS Experience Simulation](#)
- [UW Parkside Science Night](#)
- [UW Parkside Natural & Health Sciences Day](#)

Summer Exploration Camps:

- [MSOE Focus on Nursing \(HS\)](#)
- [MSOE Discover the possibilities - Medical Innovations \(HS\)](#)

**DURING HIGH SCHOOL YOU CAN PURSUE THIS REGIONAL CAREER PATHWAY!**

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