**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Introduction to Health Careers**

**Five Elective Credits towards High School Diploma**

**Course Overview:**

In this course you will research various aspects of a health career. You will write summaries and essays and may use the classroom computer to do your research and writing.

**Assignment One:**

1. Read “Exploring Careers: Medical and Health Careers”. Write a summary.
2. Read “Opportunities in Health Services”. Write a summary.

**Assignment Two:**

Read two profiles and answer questions for each profile.

**Assignment Three:**

Review “Find a Match for your Interests” and “Health Career Industry Careers Room to Learn and Grow” and answer questions.

**Assignment Four:**

1. Choose two websites and take notes about one position.
2. Write a short essay about why this career is a good fit for you.

**Assignment Five:**

Use [www.careerinfonet.org](http://www.careerinfonet.org) to find a website for a training facility or school offering training in a career of interest to you.

1. Take notes about information that is helpful to you in deciding if the school is a

good choice.

1. Answer questions on evaluating training opportunities.
2. Review your assignments and answer questions.

**Extra Credit:**

Watch a video from the website [www.CareerOneStop.org](http://www.CareerOneStop.org) and write a summary.

These are reading and writing assignments and will be scored based on the correct use of rules of punctuation and grammar. Written assignments should be typed and contain complete sentences and detailed, complete responses to the questions.

**Assignment 1 - Introduction to Health Careers**

**Directions:**

Part A

1. Read “Exploring Careers: Medical and Health Careers”.
2. Write a summary that includes: school subjects you will need for this career, and free time activities related to medical and health services. After reading this, are you still interested in this field, why or why not?

Part B

1. Read “Opportunities in Health Services”.
2. Write a summary that includes: examples of work in the health service industry, questions that you need to ask yourself before entering this field, different levels of training for different professions, and different skills that are needed in the field. After reading this, are you still interested in this field, why or why not?

**Assignment 2 - Introduction to Health Careers**

**Directions:**

Choose two profiles. For each profile answer the following questions:

1. What is the career title?
2. Where does the person work?
3. Describe some of the work activities that the person has.
4. What did the person study in order to have this career?
5. Would you want this career? Why or why not?
6. Choose two of the skills listed below for each profile and explain how they might relate to the career.

* Communication skills
* Technical skills
* Organizational skills
* Physical Labor skills

**Extra Credit:**

Do you know someone who has one of these careers? Ask them what they think of their career!

**Assignment 3 - Introduction to Health Careers**

**Directions:**

1. Choose three health careers from the first page of the document [*Health Care Industry Careers Room to Learn and Grow*](http://www.calmis.ca.gov/file/occmisc/roomposter.pdf).
2. Find and record the statewide median wage for each career.
3. Find and record the training level needed for each career.
4. Then read [*Find a Match for Your Interests*](http://www.calmis.ca.gov/file/occmisc/interestsposter.pdf).
5. Find the same two occupations on this page. Type the description of this type of occupation. Does this description match you interests? Why or Why not?

**Extra Credit:**

1. Read [*Satisfy Your Values in Health Careers*](http://www.calmis.ca.gov/file/occmisc/valuesposter.pdf)
2. Choose a value from the left side and describe in complete sentences why you have this value.
3. Find at least two occupations on the right side that you might try.
4. Write a description of how they might fit your values.

**Assignment 4 - Introduction to Health Careers**

**Directions:**

Part A

1. Choose two career exploration websites and take notes about one position
2. Research aspects of the career such as daily work tasks and activities, working conditions, pay and projected growth of openings and wages in this type of career.

Examples of websites you might use:

* [www.CareerOneStop.org](http://www.CareerOneStop.org)
* <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
* <http://www.onetonline.org/>

Part B

1. Write a short essay about why this career is or isn’t a good fit for you.
2. In your essay, identify the websites you’ve used.

**Assignment 5 - Introduction to Health Careers**

**Directions:**

Review the website of a training facility or school and use [www.careerinfonet.org](http://www.careerinfonet.org) to find information about the school.

Part A

Take notes about information that is helpful to you in deciding if the school is a good choice.

Part B

Answer the following questions on the form “Evaluating Training Opportunities”:

1. What is the website name and address you viewed to gather the training information?
2. What is the name of the program in which you are interested?
3. Where are the classes located?
4. Is the location convenient for you? Why or Why not?
5. How many credits do you need to complete the program?
6. When do the classes start and end?
7. How do you register for class?
8. What is the cost of each class or cost per credit?
9. Is there financial aid available? If so, how do you apply?
10. Is there an internship as part of the class?

11. Is this a class you would be willing to take? Why or why not?

Part C

Review your assignments and answer the following questions.

1. Which assignments were helpful? Why were they helpful?
2. Did you have any challenges with any of the assignments? If so, what were they?
3. Would you recommend this elective class to a friend? Why or why not?