West Linn-Wilsonville School District Health & Physical Education – Course Statement

Course Title: Careers in Health & Health Care System

Length of Course: Semester

Number of Credits: 1
Grade Level: 11, 12

Prerequisites: Wellness I & II; ability to transport self to job shadow

Current immunizations including Hepatitis B series vaccine

CIM Work Samples

Offered in Course: Speaking work sample

Date of Description/Revision: 2004

Course Overview

This course is designed to allow students an opportunity to research and discover the career opportunities in Health and public service through: classroom activities, guest speakers, field trips, job shadow, community service, and text and action research. The job shadow experience will provide an opportunity for students to investigate health care careers that they find interesting. Students will also learn the importance of communication and professionalism in the health care field.

Essential Questions

Concepts providing focus for student learning

- How has the evolution of the nation's public health system impacted our services today?
- Why is it important to understand the organization and structure of the nation's health care system?
- What are the goals of public health?
- Why is communication and interaction with the community important?
- What is the preparation for a successful health service worker: socially, emotionally, intellectually, skill development and disposition.
- How does one manage a professional presentation of self?

Proficiency Statements

Students will:

- Explore how the nation's health care system is structured and functions.
- Examine the underlying reasons for health care services.
- Investigate dramatic changes occurring in the health care system.
- Explore settings in which health care services are offered.
- Explore different populations of people being served through public health.
- Investigate the role of primary care and public care systems.
- Recognize the role the government plays in public health programs.

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- Investigate accredited educational programs in the different health professions.
- Explore the occupational descriptions and the general duties of different health professions.
- Examine how much training and income different health careers entail.
- Select, design and evaluate the elements of a service learning project.
- Understand their role, skills and information required to perform tasks, safety precautions and knowledge about people they will be working with.
- Develop communication and interaction skills needed to work with the community.

General Course Topics/Units & Timeframes

- A. Careers
- B. Public health
- A. Health services

Resources

- Text: Introduction to Health Occupations: Today's Health Care Worker, Prentice Hall
- Workbook: Introduction to Health Occupations, Workbook, Prentice Hall
- Other: Community
- Other: Internet