"What is YA?"

The Wisconsin Health Science Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program is a school to work program that provides high school junior and/or senior students with a working understanding of specific skills common to healthcare careers by integrating learning in the classroom with learning at the worksite. The YA student finishes with entry level job skills, as well as, opportunities for post-secondary educational advancement.

For More Information!

Contact your local high school YA Coordinator or Guidance Counselor

OR

Contact us at
608-267-3214

or at **dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship/**

"Our residents enjoy the enthusiasm and energy that young people bring to their job. It [YA] has been a win-win situation for us."

Joan Kleinschmidt, Golden Living Center

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The Health Science Career Cluster includes occupations in the planning, managing, and providing of therapeutic, diagnostic, informatics, and support services.

Health Science Careers

The outlook for careers in medical and health fields is strong and growing. Trends indicate that an aging population, increased use of electronic medical records, and a focus on lifestyle management will drive this occupational area into the future. Many careers within this field will also require high-skilled workers in fields related to healthcare including information technology and business management.

Furthermore, Wisconsin will see better than national average growth in Health Sciences careers, with jobs in ambulatory healthcare services; nursing and residential care facilities; and hospitals; experiencing the most growth. Moreover, occupations in Healthcare Technical and Professional Services and Healthcare Support Services will grow the fastest through 2018 with rates of 23% and 25% respectively.

Health Science YA Program Choices

The Health Science YA Program focuses on four of the five pathways within the Health Science industry. The Biotechnology Research and Development pathway is covered in the Bioscience Units in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) YA program.

Therapeutic Services>>

Therapeutic Services occupations encompass caring for and treating patients and clients. The three Technical Skills choices are:

- Dental Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Nursing Assistant*
- Pharmacy Technician

*Nursing Assistant can be completed twice for a TWO year program provided additional skills are trained and learned.

Informatics Services>>

Occupations for managing and patient data and information are incorporated into the Informatics Services pathway. The Technical Skills choices are:

- Medical Office

Ambulatory/Support Services>>

The Ambulatory, Support, and Diagnostic Services pathway Technical Skills choices address a number of different healthcare related specialty fields. Choices are:

- Dietary
- Imaging
- Laboratory
- Optician/Optometry
- Physical Therapy (PT)

Where can I work?

The Healthcare Industry offers a variety of potential worksite possibilities. Hospitals, long-term care residential facilities, community-based facilities, dental and medical offices, clinics, pharmacies, and even insurance companies all hire employees with different kinds of health science skills.

What will I learn? >>>

YA students are required to learn and perform all of the Core Employability and Safety & Security skills at the worksite. In addition, Level One (one year) YA students choose technical competencies from a MINIMUM of ONE technical skills unit while Level Two (two year) YA students complete competencies from a MINIMUM of TWO technical skills units.