

# CHARTING YOUR PATH TO A HEALTHCARE CAREER



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# INTAKE STATION

**Welcome! Today's event is a walk-through to diagnose your interest in a healthcare career. We hope you leave with a healthy, complete and informed prognosis that sets you firmly on a path to working with us in the future. A "Patient Navigator" will meet you at the door or on the bus to guide you through today's program. Follow them through the stations and ask questions. By the end you should walk away with information and new ideas about the healthcare career you want to pursue.**

# YOUR WORK SPACE, YOUR WORK LIFE

## HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION BOOTHS

Did you know that there are hundreds of healthcare organizations in our region? That means a lot of places you could find yourself working one day.

- Some are general hospitals, others are hospitals that specialize in children's care, trauma or cancer treatment.
- Some are community-based clinics that provide medical, dental and behavioral care to culturally and ethnically diverse patients, LGBTQ communities, Native Americans, or individuals who are homeless or in transition.
- Some serve the elderly, adults with chronic disease, or individuals with disabilities.
- Some are small, some are large.

All need passionate, skilled people to serve their patients well. Are you one of them? What's your ideal work space, work style, future employer? Over twenty healthcare organizations are onsite to help you find out.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

What's your organization's mission?

How would employees describe your organization?

What kinds of jobs does your organization have?

Are there clear pathways from entry level to higher skill and pay levels in your organization?

# YOUR FUTURE SELF

## OCCUPATION STATIONS

Of course you know about Doctors and Nurses, but did you know there are hundreds of occupations that make up healthcare delivery and patient care? Many are right within reach of where you're at right now in your education pathway.

Today you'll have a chance to visit Occupation Stations, staffed by individuals who work every day as Medical Assistants, Registered Nurses, Pharmacy Technicians, Chemical Dependency Counselors, Community Health workers, Social workers, Medical Records Specialists, Patient Care Navigators, Unit Care Coordinators, Physical Therapists, Radiology Technicians, and more! What will you be? What's the starting place, and which occupations can get you to the one you really want? Find out here.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

What do you love most about this job?

Why did you apply for this job?

What do you wish you knew when you were my age?

Do you think you'll change or advance to another job from here?

# **YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS**

## **EDUCATION PATHWAY INFO DESKS**

**How will you get to the career of your choice? What's required to be a doctor, pharmacist or registered nurse? What about a medical assistant, lab or radiology Technician? High school programs, Community Colleges, four-year universities, and community training programs offer short-term certificates, two-year degrees, four-year degrees and licenses required for certain jobs. Find out the facts about the right training for the career you envision.**

### **QUESTIONS TO ASK:**

What courses and degrees does your school offer?

What course of study will give me the highest chance of getting hired upon graduation?

What are three examples of educational pathways that would allow me to integrate work experience and academics?

# **NURSE TEAM HUDDLE**

## **STUDENT NURSE FOCUS GROUP**

Hear it straight from college students going through nursing school right now: Why nursing, how they got to college, what they wish they'd known, expectations vs. realities, their future and hopes. This is a chance for you to listen to a live focus group. You may even participate yourself. Bring questions and be ready to answer a question pitched to you. Do you want to be a nurse? What interests you about becoming a nurse?

## **DISCHARGE STATION**

Collect your swag, get one last shot at the Selfie Booth, and make sure you've grabbed some lunch. We hope you're walking away with concrete ideas of what's possible in a healthcare career, and some contact information for people and organizations who can help. Thank you!



# NEXT STEPS



Attend the “Chart Your Path to a Healthcare Career” event on October 16th.



Talk more with your teachers or school counselor about healthcare courses offered at your school or district.



Visit the website of a healthcare organization featured at this event to learn more about their work and career opportunities there.



Contact the people on the business cards you collected to talk with you more about your options.



Find out if your organization of choice has volunteer opportunities. Volunteering helps you learn more about the company, job and the “real world” of working there. It may also count towards your high school’s requirements for community service.



Include this information in your *High School and Beyond Plan*.



Follow up with the people you met or organizations you learned about in the Education Info Desk station.



Fill in your own next step: \_\_\_\_\_

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