



Direct Patient Care Career Pathway

NEW North Gresham 2023-2026



EXPLORE: on the links to find the job titles that seem most interesting to you to learn more! Save any jobs you are interested in from this career pathway in your XELLO account so that you can create an Academic and Career Plan (ACP) later on. The careers listed below reflect the high skill, high demand direct patient care jobs needed in Wisconsin. Not all healthcare careers will be represented on this pathway.

Educational Level May also require work experience	Allied and Health Professionals (Non-Nursing and Non-Behavioral Health Careers)	Nursing	Mental and Behavioral Health	Diagnostic Services (Imaging/Laboratory)
High School Diploma/Equivalency	Activities Assistant Patient Advocate Dietary Aide Personal Care Aide Home Health Aide ★ ○ Transporter Patient Customer Service Representative ★ ○ Mental Health Navigator Anesthesia Technician Range \$36,800-66,500			
Additional Training, Certificate Program, or Technical Diploma	Direct Care Professional ★ ○ Dental Assistant ★ ○ Emergency Medical Technician ★ ○ Medical Assistant ★ ○ Patient Care Technician ★ ○ Pharmacy Technician ★ ○ Community Health Worker ○ Sterile Processing Technician ○ Range \$30,500-59,200	Nursing Assistant ★ ○ (Beneficial for any future direct patient care careers) Range \$25,300-42,200 Licensed Practical Nurse ★ ○ Range \$40,500-72,600	Mental Health Technician ★ ○ Peer Support Specialist Range \$25,900-52,000	Medical Lab Assistant ○ EKG Technician Ophthalmic Lab Technician ○ Phlebotomist ○ Dental Lab Technician ○ Range \$32,000-74,400
Registered Apprenticeship	Medical Assistant ★ ○ Pharmacy Technician ★ ○ Range \$32,000-52,000			
Associate Degree	Occupational Therapy Assistant ○ Paramedic ○ Physical Therapy Assistant ○ Respiratory Therapist ○ Surgical Technologist ★ ○ Dental Hygienist ★ ○ Range \$46,600-89,000	Registered Nurse (ADN) ★ ○ Range \$61,300-129,400	Community and Social Service Specialist ○ Substance Abuse Counselor ★ ○ Psychiatric Technician ○ Range \$30,600-66,700	Nuclear Medicine Technician Cardiovascular Technician ○ Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technician ○ Radiologic Technologist ○ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRI Technician Diagnostic Medical Sonographer/Ultrasound Range \$50,500-101,800
Bachelor Degree, Masters, and Ph.D.	Doctor ○ Occupational Therapist ○ Pharmacist ○ Physical Therapist ○ Speech Language Pathologist ○ Public Health Professional ○ Physician Assistant ★ ○ Community Health Educator Range \$53,700-137,400	Clinical Nurse Specialist ○ Nurse Anesthetist ★ ○ Nurse Practitioner ★ ○ Nurse Midwife ○ Professor or Nurse Educator ★ Registered Nurse (BSN) ★ ○ Public Health Nurse ○ Range \$76,300-160,300	Counselor ★ ○ Psychologist ○ Psychiatrist ★ ○ Social Worker ★ ○ Range \$44,900-143,200	Clinical Laboratory Scientist/Medical Technologist ○ Nuclear Medicine Technologist ○ Radiologic Assistant Radiologist ○ Medical Physicist Range \$66,900-130,600
Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options

★ **BRIGHT OUTLOOK** – these jobs are expected to grow in the future – which means more opportunities for you! ○ **XELLO** – you can learn more and save this job in your Xello account (note: some job titles might look a little different in Xello)



Direct Patient Care Career Pathway at Gresham High School



Your Academic and Career Plan (ACP) for this career pathway starts here...

Use this page to figure out which classes and activities you will take to prepare for this career pathway. Record your plan in XELLO.

Career and Technical Education Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NTC Certified Nursing Assistant• Body, Structure, and Function (Erving/NTC)				Start creating your professional network through CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES . Record your experiences in XELLO.	
Other Recommended Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Terminology• Anatomy and Physiology• UWEX Pharmacology• UWEX Nutrition				<u>State:</u> <u>Regional:</u> <u>Local:</u>	
Career and Technical Student Organization						
Work-Based Learning Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Apprenticeship- Health Science (450 hrs/year; 1-2 years)• Work Experience					
Industry Recognized Credential Options <i>Italics = must be 18 years old to obtain</i>	Allied and Health Professionals (<i>Non-Nursing and Non-Behavioral Health Careers</i>)	Nursing	Behavioral Health		Diagnostic Services (<i>Imaging/Laboratory</i>)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certified Nursing Assistant* (DHS)					
College Credit Opportunities and Post Secondary Options You can find the list of college credit opportunities for this pathway HERE You can find the postsecondary options for this pathway HERE .	College Courses Offered at Your High School					
	Transcripted Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none">•			AP and/or IB Courses		
	College Courses You Can Take at a College Campus					
	Application Deadlines: October 1st: Spring Courses February 1st: Summer Courses (ECCP only) March 1st: Fall Courses					
	Start College Now <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NTC Certified Nursing Assistant			Early College Credit Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UW Extension Pharmacology• UW Extension Nutrition		