

Healthcare

Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board

Overview

The healthcare industry is growing rapidly each and every day! Join employees from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Nazareth Hospital as they show you the different options available in this industry as well as explain why they need you to join their team!

Discussion/Questions

1. Although healthcare professions offer great salaries and benefits, there is still a significant need of employees in this field. What may deter others from choosing a career in healthcare? Would any of these reasons be of concern to you when choosing this type of career? What would be some things that attract you to this industry? If you were to enter into the healthcare industry today, what field would you choose and why?
2. New advancements and discoveries are constantly being made in the healthcare industry. Explain the importance of remaining current on new information and technologies. Why would lifelong learning be an important aspect to a profession in healthcare?
3. Healthcare is another profession that relies heavily on good communication skills and teamwork. How would these qualities be utilized within this profession? Why do you think they are so important to being successful in the healthcare industry?

Activities

1. In this segment, we learned that there are a number of different fields within healthcare available, from a career in pharmaceuticals to a career as a flight nurse. Choose a local hospital and find out the many different jobs and positions necessary in order to have the hospital run efficiently. What types of responsibilities do these positions entail? Which position interests you the most? Are there any that surprised you as careers offered within healthcare? If possible, take advantage of a job shadowing or volunteer program to see exactly what a job in healthcare is like.
2. There is a tremendous demand and an urgent need for healthcare professionals. As a result, the salaries, benefits and other incentives being offered to employees are incredible. Choose a profession in healthcare you are interested in and find out what benefits or incentives are offered. Use the newspaper as a starting point to see what jobs are available right now. How do they compare to other professions? Are these incentives and benefits of interest to you?
3. As we saw in this segment, there is a great deal of attention and urgency placed on the notion that there will be a huge deficit of healthcare professionals within the next several years. Use various data bases, scientific journals and other credible sources to support and prove this idea. Approximately, how large of a deficit will we see? Why is this deficit going to occur? Share your findings with your classmates.

Academic Standards

13.1.11.B. Analyze career options based on personal interests, abilities, aptitudes, achievements and goals.

13.1.11.D. Evaluate school-based opportunities for career awareness/preparation, such as, but not limited to: Career days, Career portfolio, Community service, Cooperative education, Graduation/senior project, Internship, Job shadowing, Part-time employment, Registered apprenticeship, School-based enterprise

13.1.11.F. Analyze the relationship between career choices and career preparation opportunities, such as, but not limited to: Associate degree, Baccalaureate degree, Certificate/licensure, Entrepreneurship, Immediate part/full time employment, Industry training, Military training, Professional degree, Registered apprenticeship, Tech Prep, Vocational rehabilitation centers

13.2.11.E. Demonstrate, in the career acquisition process, the application of essential workplace skills/knowledge, such as, but not limited to: Commitment, Communication, Dependability, Health/safety, Laws and regulations (that is Americans With Disabilities Act, child labor laws, Fair Labor Standards Act, OSHA, Material Safety Data Sheets), Personal initiative, Self-advocacy, Scheduling/time management, Team building, Technical literacy

13.3.11.B. Evaluate team member roles to describe and illustrate active listening techniques: Clarifying, Encouraging, Reflecting, Restating, Summarizing

13.3.11.G. Evaluate the impact of lifelong learning on career retention and advancement.

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