**PATIENT CARE**

The Patient Care pathway combines academic and hands-on learning to inspire students to pursue a full range of career opportunities in the Health Science and Medical Technology industry sector. Students learn medical terms and abbreviations, disease processes and common disorders, body systems, standard precautions, and ethical and legal responsibilities of a healthcare worker. Students will have the opportunity to earn an American Heart Association BLS for Health Care Providers Card (CPR) and practice skills using industry-standard equipment.

**SAMPLE PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

A pathway is an opportunity for students to complete sequential courses in Career Technical Education, as they progress towards graduation. This increases their options by exploring careers for post secondary education and future employment.

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**VPA OF CHOICE**

- **PATIENT CARE PATHWAY**
  - CMHS: Medical Careers and Health Systems (G)
  - EHS: Medical Careers and Health Systems (G)
- **CMHS:** Athletic Training & Sports Medicine (D)*
  - EHS: Emergency Medical Responder (G)
  - CMHS: Advanced Sports Medicine (G)
  - EHS: CTE Medical Pathways (D)

**KEY:**
- UC/CSU APPROVED D: SCIENCE G: ELECTIVE
- *: ARTICULATES WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**NEXST STEPS**

- TALK TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR ROP CAREER SPECIALIST
- VISIT SCHOOLINKS TO CONTINUE RESEARCHING COLLEGES & CAREERS
- VISIT: WEB.NMUSD.US/CTE

**COLLEGES & MAJORS**

- **Coastline Community College**
  - Biomedical Lab Technician
  - Health Care Management
- **Orange Coast College**
  - Cardiovascular Technology
  - Dental Assisting
  - Emergency Medical Technician
  - Hygiene Dietetics
  - Kinesiology
  - Neurodiagnostic Technology
  - Radiology Technology
  - Speech Pathology
- **Irvine Valley College**
  - Kinesiology
- **Saddleback College**
  - Emergency Medical Technician
  - Kinesiology
  - Medical Assistant
  - Nursing
- **CSUF**
  - Health Science
  - Nursing
- **CSULB**
  - Community Education
  - Nursing
  - School Health Education
- **CSUSD**
  - Gerontology
  - Nursing
- **UCI**
  - Nursing
  - Pharmacology
  - Public Health

**PATIENT CARE JOBS & INCOME**

**Occupation & Average Income**

*Source: Salary Surfer*

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT): $30,000
- Hospital Administrator: $80,000
- Pharmacy Technician: $31,000
- Physical Therapy Aide: $26,000
- Medical Assistant: $30,000
- Medical Technologist: $50,000
- Respiratory Therapy Aide: $50,000