

Summer Opportunities for Students Interested in Healthcare Careers



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1 Survey of Healthcare Careers Course – Including Mental Health/Behavioral Health Career Exploration

Class Description:

An exploration of various allied health professions, including diagnostic, medical information, rehabilitation, and patient care services with opportunities for mental health/behavioral health career exploration through classroom speakers, job shadowing, and field experiences. This program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in various settings. Students will gain an understanding of the prevalence of mental health issues and the various mental health careers available. Students will receive college credit and a teen mental health certification.

Experience will include:

- Enrollment in College of DuPage course HLTHS1100
- Completion of Teen Mental Health certification
- Guest Speakers from Endeavor Health, Edward-Elmhurst Health, and Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, and other partners in the mental health/behavioral health field
- Career exploration, experiential learning, and field experiences in Mental Health/Behavioral Health

Schedule:

June 1, 2026 - July 16, 2026

- Monday & Wednesday 8:00 am – Noon – York High School
- Thursday: 8:00 am – Noon – Field Experience
- May include some Hybrid experiences.
- Please indicate on the application if transportation assistance is needed.
- 30 students will be accepted in the program.



2 KidsMatter SpringBoard Pharmacy Technician Prep Course I

Description:

This program is designed to provide students interested in healthcare careers an opportunity to learn about the pharmacy profession. Students will complete 40-hours of classroom experience followed by 20-hours of job shadowing experience. The classroom portion of the summer program consists of lecture, online course work and hands-on lab work. The outcomes are designed to guide students in learning the foundational knowledge and skills of a pharmacy technician role.

Requirements:

- 16 years old and above with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Classwork requires a computer

Schedule:

June 9, 2026 - July 31, 2026

- Full participation is required
- In-person sessions every Tuesday 9 am - Noon – College of DuPage main campus in Glen Ellyn
- The classroom component, including online coursework, must be completed by July 7, 2026.
- Job Shadowing begins on July 14, 2026. Students must comply with clinical site onboarding requirements, including vaccination and drug screening. Licensing will be completed prior to the job shadowing experience. Students will be guided in class through the online application licensing process.
- 10 Students will be accepted in the program
- Apply online at: <https://forms.gle/CX8q4upxULAfaPz96>



Applications Due: April 19th

Student Notification Week of April 22

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