



**National
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Association**

“The Benchmark In Allied Healthcare Certification”

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To Florida Department of Education and School Districts:

The following information will outline the agreement with the State of Florida by Dr. Miguel L. Benavente, M.D. and the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) for High School Students attending their various Health Science Programs in the State of Florida.

After extensive research and evaluation, we find that the curriculum for the noted Health Science Programs in Florida align and satisfies the requirements for the designated certifications.

Regarding the age of the students, NHA will waive the 18 year old regulation for these two certifications: Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) and Certified EKG Technician (CET) for students who successfully complete a health science program. Seventeen year olds can be issued their certificates. However; if students are under 17, they may take the test, but the school must hold their certificates until they turn 17 years old. Although high school graduation has been waived for students taking their exam, it is required that each student complete high school and receive their diploma before their certification can be renewed.

In order for a student to take the exam, he/she must have successfully completed the Health Science Program/Medical Academy Program of Study AND be enrolled in a CTE course.

Allied Health Assisting Program of Study (8417130)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
3. Allied Health Assisting 3 (8417131)
 - ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Electrocardiograph Aide Program of Study (8417160)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
3. Electrocardiograph Aide 3 (8417161)
 - ***Certified EKG Technician Exam***
 - ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Medical Laboratory Assistant Program of Study (8417200)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
3. Medical Laboratory Assistant 3 (8417201)
4. Medical Laboratory Assistant 4 (8417202)
 - ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

First Responder Program of Study (8417170)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
 2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
 3. First Responder 3 (8417171)
- ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Health Unit Coordinator Program of Study (8417180)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
 2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
 3. Health Unit Coordinator 3 (8417181)
- ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Home Health Aide Program of Study (8417190)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
 2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
 3. Home Health Aide 3 (8417191)
- ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Nursing Assistant Program of Study (8417210)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
 2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
 3. Nursing Assistant 3 (8417211)
- ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Vision Care Assisting Program of Study (8417230)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
 2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
 3. Vision Care Assisting 3 (8417231)
 4. Vision Care Assisting 4 (8417232)
- ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Dental Aide Program of Study (8417140)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
 2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
 3. Dental Aide 3 (8417141)
- ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Dental Laboratory Assisting Program of Study (8417150)

1. Health Science 1 (8417100) or Anatomy & Physiology (2000350) or A&P Honors (2000360)
 2. Health Science 2 (8417110)
 3. Dental Laboratory Assisting 3 (8417151)
 4. Dental Laboratory Assisting 4 (8417152)
- ***Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Exam***

Practical Nursing Program (8418300): Students in the Practical Nursing Program will be able to sit for the Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) industry certification exam after successfully completing Practical Nursing 1 and an additional course included in PN2-9 courses.

Health Occupations Education Directed Study (8400100) – Students enrolled in this course may take the industry certification exam for the Program of Study they have completed.

Multiple Program Completers—Students completing multiple programs in Health Science/Medical Academy may take the industry certification exam for the programs of study they have completed. Some students may qualify to take several exams and we encourage students to take all the industry certification exams they qualify for.

Special Students—Students who have completed a program of study in Health Science/Medical Academy and are not enrolled in a health science course (starting with 84) this year, but are taking another CTE course, may take the industry certification exam for the health science program of study they have completed.

If there are questions regarding any of the information regarding this agreement, please feel free to contact Dr. Benavente at Benavente@palmbeach.k12.fl.us or myself.

Thank you,

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