

## Tuskegee Area Health Education Center Health College Connection Program

**Purpose:** Health College Connection Programs I and II are designed to identify, prepare, and increase the number of minority and disadvantaged students entering health care careers. The aim of HCCP I and II is also to increase the number of health care providers in Alabama's underserved Black Belt counties.

Tuskegee Area Health Education Center (TAHEC) Health College Connection Program (HCCP) is designed to introduce underrepresented minority students in Macon, Bullock, Lowndes and Dallas counties to health professions. The focus population will be students with a demonstrated interest in the health professions as noted by teachers, guidance counselors and/or parents. In addition to completing the required curriculum, participants will be paired with the applicable health professional in their county, if available.

**Eligibility.** Students must be enrolled in schools in Macon, Bullock, Lowndes and Dallas counties in good standing; grades 9 -12; have at least a 2.5 CGPA and 2.7 Science CGPA.

The program will highlight select health profession career options, education requirements, salaries, forecast, and scope of work.

1. Introduction to health professions-
  - a. Health care team
  - b. Health care system
2. Levels of health professionals
  - i. Direct patient care
    1. Doctors, nurses, PA, PT, OT, surgical tech, paramedics, pharmacist, mental health worker
  - ii. Indirect patient care
    1. CLS, radiology tech, sonographer, nuclear medicine technologist,
3. Education Requirements for select health professions
  - a. Certificates
    - i. CNA,
  - b. Associate degrees
    - i. LPN, Dental assistant, EMT/Paramedic, CLT, OTA, PTA,
  - c. Bachelor's degrees
    - i. BSN, CLS, social worker, health administration,
  - d. Master's degrees
    - i. NP, OT, CLS, PA,
  - e. Doctoral degrees
    - i. Professional/Practicing
      1. MD, OD, PT, OT, PharmD
    - ii. Applied
      1. DHA, DPN
    - iii. Research
      1. PhD

4. Scope of Work
  - a. Select health professions
5. Salaries and Forecast
  - a. Select health professions
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