



What Health Science Academy Participants Have Said:

"Being held to a high standard in HSA has led me to significantly outscore my peers in college. Prior to HSA, I didn't know what I wanted to do as a career but after my first medical experience, I knew that becoming a physician is my dream."

– Devin Bocook, Class of 2020

"I applied and was accepted to the physical therapy program at Marquette University, and out of 1000 applicants there were only 60 spots. There is no doubt that I got into this program because of the opportunities that HSA has provided me. It was even mentioned in my acceptance letter that my experiences that I have had were outstanding."

– Charles Masewicz, Class of 2020

"The Health Science Academy taught me skills needed for the next steps in my journey to my career in healthcare. The personal attention from the teachers was a huge part of making the HSA so special! "

– Maci Call, Class of 2020



Health Science Academy

Mission Statement

To provide students with opportunities and experiences in a healthcare driven curriculum designed to inspire and prepare them to be future members of the healthcare workforce.

How to Apply

High school sophomores interested in applying to the Health Science Academy should obtain an application from their high school student services office.

Participating Schools

- Aquinas
- Bangor
- Coulee Christian
- Holmen
- La Crosse School District (Central, Logan, Polytechnic)
- Onalaska
- Viroqua
- West Salem

For More Information

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Health Science Academy

A two-year program preparing high school juniors and seniors for education and careers in the health science pathway

- **Career Exploration**
- **Job Shadowing**
- **Mentoring**
- **Internships**
- **Field Experiences**
- **Certifications**
- **Dual Credit**

About the Health Science Academy

The Health Science Academy provides thematic instruction, dual credit, career exploration, job shadows, clinical experiences, hands-on labs, and certification opportunities for participating students. Each day students spend three hours at the Academy and then return to their high school campus for the remainder of the school day. Data shows more than 90% of Academy graduates are either working in or pursuing a degree in healthcare.



"The Health Science Academy gave me real world knowledge, professional acquaintances and healthcare certifications that I continue to use today. My experiences in the Health Science Academy helped shape the road to my career path, even when I had to change it while in college. Now, I am fortunate enough to work with many of my mentors as colleagues"

– Carley Buisman

*Interim Manager, Integrated Center for Education
Gundersen Health System
Class of 2011*



"The Health Science Academy is a great opportunity for students to explore career options firsthand within our institution. The Academy also provides a strategic solution to our future workforce needs."

– Mason Quackenbush
Director, HR Operations
Gundersen Health System

Academy Courses

Junior Year

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Exercise Physiology
- Health Occupations 1
- AP Psychology

Senior Year

- Medical Terminology*
- Advanced Anatomy & Physiology*
- Global Issues in Healthcare
- Global Partners Experience
- Health Occupations*
 - Your choice of:
 - Certified Nursing Assistant
 - Advanced Health Topics
 - Health Science Apprenticeship
 - Medical Mentorship (variety of areas)

*Dual credit opportunity

Academy Partners

- American Red Cross
- Gundersen Health System
- Health Science Consortium
- La Crosse School District
- Mayo Clinic Health System
- Scenic Rivers AHEC
- UW-La Crosse
- Viterbo University
- Western Technical College
- YMCA



"Through experiences focused on healthcare, students can get a jump start on their future goals and gain an understanding of the joys a career in healthcare offers."

– Nahmie George
La Crosse Health Science Academy Instructor

Academy Location

Instruction for the La Crosse Health Science Academy takes place at the Health Science Center adjacent to UW-La Crosse Campus. Field experiences and tours at the area's medical facilities and institutions of higher education are a regular part of the Academy's curriculum.