“What is YA?”

The Wisconsin Health Science Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program is a school to work program that provides high school junior and/or senior students with a working understanding of specific skills common to healthcare careers by integrating learning in the classroom with learning at the worksite. The YA student finishes with entry level job skills, as well as, opportunities for post-secondary educational advancement.

For More Information!

Contact your local high school YA Coordinator or Guidance Counselor

OR

Contact us at 608-267-3214
or at dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship/

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Therapeutic Services occupations encompass caring for and treating patients and clients. The three Technical Skills choices are:

- Dental Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Nursing Assistant*
- Pharmacy Technician

*Nursing Assistant can be completed twice for a TWO year program provided additional skills are trained and learned.

Informatics Services

Occupations for managing and patient data and information are incorporated into the Informatics Services pathway. The Technical Skills choices are:

- Medical Office

Ambulatory/Support Services

The Ambulatory, Support, and Diagnostic Services pathway Technical Skills choices address a number of different healthcare related specialty fields. Choices are:

- Dietary
- Imaging
- Laboratory
- Optician/Optometry
- Physical Therapy (PT)

Health Science Careers

The outlook for careers in medical and health fields is strong and growing. Trends indicate that an aging population, increased use of electronic medical records, and a focus on lifestyle management will drive this occupational area into the future. Many careers within this field will also require high-skilled workers in fields related to healthcare including information technology and business management.

Furthermore, Wisconsin will see better than national average growth in Health Sciences careers, with jobs in ambulatory healthcare services; nursing and residential care facilities; and hospitals; experiencing the most growth. Moreover, occupations in Healthcare Technical and Professional Services and Healthcare Support Services will grow the fastest through 2018 with rates of 23% and 23% respectively.

Where can I work?

The Healthcare Industry offers a variety of potential worksite possibilities. Hospitals, long-term care residential facilities, community-based facilities, dental and medical offices, clinics, pharmacies, and even insurance companies all hire employees with different kinds of health science skills.

What will I learn? 

YA students are required to learn and perform all of the Core Employability and Safety & Security skills at the worksite. In addition, Level One (one year) YA students choose technical competencies from a MINIMUM of ONE technical skills unit while Level Two (two year) YA students complete competencies from a MINIMUM of TWO technical skills units.