

Careers in Health



Class/Classes: Health

Professions: A variety of health professions

Grade Level: 6-12

All HOTT lesson plans are designed with the purpose of increasing students' awareness of the variety of health careers that are available to them. If possible, invite the corresponding health professional into your classroom to discuss his/her occupation. If this is not an option, use the attached sheet(s) to share this/these career(s) with your students.

Purpose: Students will identify several professions in the healthcare field and choose an occupation that interests them. Students will research this occupation and become more aware of what professionals in those certain fields do.

Materials needed: Computer with Internet access, poster board, markers and construction paper

Duration: 1-2 weeks

Instructions:

- Brainstorm as a class several different health careers.
- After brainstorming, you can share the list of careers that is attached to this lesson.
- Have students choose one career that they are interested in and would like to research. (Try to get only one student per career)
- Have them answer a set of questions while they research.
- Next, have the student set up an interview with a person in the profession they are researching.
- After the students are done with their research and interview, have them write a summary of what they learned from their research and interview.
- Have each student make a decorated poster of their career with facts, figures, pictures, etc.
- Each student will share with the class their poster and what they learned from this lesson.

References:

- South Dakota Office of Rural Health

List of Health Careers

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| Allergist | Health Information | Pathologist |
| Anesthesiologist | Administration | Pathologist |
| Athletic Trainer | Hematologist | Pediatrician |
| Audiologist | Histologist | Pharmacist |
| Cardiologist | Hospital | Physical Therapist |
| Chiropractor | Administrator | Physician Assistant |
| Counselor | Laboratory Technician | Plastic Surgeon |
| Cytotechnologist | Licensed Practical | Podiatrist |
| Dental Assistant | Nurse | Psychiatrist |
| Dental Hygienist | Massage Therapist | Psychologist |
| Dental Laboratory | Medical Assistant | Public Health |
| Technician | Medical Geneticist | Radiologist |
| Dentist | Music Therapist | Radiology Technician |
| Dermatologist | Neurologist | Recreation Therapist |
| Dietitian/Nutritionist | Nurse Anesthetist | Registered Nurse |
| Emergency Medical | Obstetrician | Respiratory Therapist |
| Technician | Occupational | Surgeon |
| Epidemiologist | Therapist | Surgical Technologist |
| Family Practitioner | Oncologist | Therapeutic |
| Gastroenterologist | Ophthalmologist | Recreation Therapist |
| Gynecologist | Optometrist | Ultrasound Technician |
| Health Educator | Orthopedic Surgeon | Urologist |

Many more careers are out there! Have your students do some research to come up with a list of your own.

Research Questions

1. Explain what the professional you chose does.
2. Who does your professional see or work with?
3. Where does your professional work?
4. What are the employment rates for your profession?
5. How much does your professional make a year?
6. What degree does your professional need?
7. How many years does it take to obtain that degree?
8. What is the job outlook for your career?

Don't forget to include anything else that you find that seems interesting to you or you think may interest others.

Interview Questions

1. Why did you choose this career?
2. Can you describe a day in the life of your career?
3. How many years of have you been in your career?
4. Where did you get your degree and how many years did it take?
5. What is most important to you in your job?
6. What are your most important career accomplishments?
7. What do you like most about your career?
8. What do you like least about your career?
9. How many hours do you typically work a week and what hours do you work?
10. What challenges do you face in your career?
11. Does this career support you well?
12. What is your career environment like?
13. Do you work directly with people?

Don't be afraid to ask anything else that comes to your mind!