

Gaston County Schools
Health Sciences II & Nursing Fundamentals

**Career & Technical Department
Cover Letter for Student Application**

Dear Parent/Guardian and prospective Health Sciences Student:

Thank you for your interest in _____ High School's Health Science Education Programs. This packet contains information and forms that must be reviewed and completed prior to acceptance into Health Sciences II and Nursing Fundamentals. Students must return completed admission application by _____ (Date) to be considered for admission during the _____ school year.

Please contact me, _____ at this number, _____ if you have any questions about the requirements or application process.

This application will help assess the level of student commitment and potential for success in pursuing a Healthcare Career.

Due to the high level of commitment and expectations, parental permission to apply for admission to the Health Sciences II and Nursing Fundamentals courses is required.

Only qualified students will be admitted to Health Sciences II with a class limit of 20. From these students, 10 students who meet the additional criteria will be scheduled to take the Nursing Fundamentals course.

Students admitted into Nursing Fundamentals will be expected to sit for the North Carolina State Certified Nurse Aide I exam. *Enrollment is limited per NC Board of Nursing which requires the ratio of teacher to nurse aide student to be 1:10 or less while in clinical areas.*

Interested students will be selected based on course availability and approved criteria per a screening process.

Both courses require a tremendous amount of dedication and responsibility by each student. **A few of the requirements include:**

- Off-campus internships & clinical with healthcare related agencies.
- Clinical practice and mastery of skill competencies.
- Commitment to attendance and following Gaston County Schools' Student Code of Conduct.
- Strictly following a Healthcare Patient's Bill of Rights.

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Other Considerations:

- Students must provide his/her own transportation when possible.
- Dress codes are enforced with a required uniform appropriate for each Health Sciences II and Nursing Fundamentals course.
- Immunizations records will also be required with proof of 2 PPD's (tuberculin) prior to clinical experience. Other specific immunizations (such as the flu vaccine) may be required for entry into specific clinical rotations.

The following checklist will assist in submitting a completed application.

- ____ Student Application
- ____ Student Signature
- ____ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature
- ____ School Transcript
- ____ Immunization Record
- ____ Teacher Recommendations (minimum of 2)

Non-Discriminatory Statement for Career & Technical Education:

Gaston County Schools offers a wide range of Career and Technical Education Courses. Program offerings include Business & Marketing, Family & Consumer Sciences, Health Sciences, and Trades & Industrial courses. In compliance with federal laws, Gaston County Schools' Career and Technical Education Department administers educational programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination because of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, color, age, military service, disability, or gender. Inquiries should be directed to: Director of Career and Technical Education for Gaston County Schools at 366 W Garrison Blvd. (704) 866-6325.

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Student Application Form

PRINT STUDENT NAME: _____ CURRENT DATE: _____

Circle the courses that you are interested in applying for:

Health Science II _____ **Nursing Fundamentals** _____

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Mailing Address: _____

Number and Street

City

State

Zip

E-mail Address (opt): _____

Date of Birth: _____

I am currently a: JUNIOR SENIOR (please circle)

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN INFO

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

1. List at least three career goals/interests according to priority.

2. Are you currently employed? Yes or No

If so, list place of employment and current duties

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3. List any special recognition or awards that you have received within the past two years. Include your involvement in any extra activities (clubs, sports, etc.)

4. Complete the following record of your courses and grades. (Attach a copy of your transcript with this application.)

9 th Grade			10 th Grade			11 th Grade		
Subject	Teacher	Grade	Subject	Teacher	Grade	Subject	Teacher	Grade

5. Briefly describe how successful completion of a health sciences program can assist you in relation to your long term goals?

6. Have you experienced any discipline issues or been subject to any disciplinary actions during the last year? If so, please explain.

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7. How many absences did you have in the past semester? _____

8. How many unexcused tardies did you have in the past semester? _____

By signing this application, the student & parent have read the cover letter and acknowledge the requirements necessary for successful completion of Health Sciences II and Nursing Fundamentals.

Student Applicant Signature & Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature & Date