According to the 2019 Idaho Career Information System—

- Nursing Assistants have a “high level of social interaction.” They are very much in demand and make a median Idaho annual wage of $25,773. On the higher end of the wage range they earn $29,961.

- Licensed Practical Nurses need to complete a practical nursing program and have a license. Median Idaho wage is $41,285 a year and it is considered a “fast growth” occupation with “very high” annual openings.

- 13,180 Registered Nurses serve as primary specialty care providers in Idaho. They earn a median wage of $64,034 per year in Idaho. To prepare for this occupation, earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing, become a licensed registered nurse after completing supervised clinical work experience. Demand for this occupation is “very Strong.”

Other HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS offered:

- Emergency Medical Technicians—EMT
- Pharmacy Technicians

Many career and technical education (CTE) courses offer college credit. Instructors inform students of these opportunities and encourage them to consider the benefits of joining a related professional organization which provides students opportunities to participate in related competitions and develop strong leadership skills.
The Health Science Pathway offers a Certified Nursing Assistant Program (CNA). CTE magnet classes are taught at the CTE Center—Renaissance Campus. The program is a joint venture with Idaho State University (ISU) - Meridian Health Science Center located in the same building. The partnership enhances the program by providing health mannequins which students use to practice nursing and resuscitation skills during simulated Home High School Class: Health Professions—This is a required prerequisite class which qualifies students to take Medical Terminology. In this class students learn basic sports medicine skills and about the health care industry. This course also counts as a required health education credit for graduation and is taught at the Health P-2 level.

Traveling CTE Magnet classes: Medical Terminology for Health Professions—This course covers the terminology students must understand and use to be successful in health science classes and when applying these skills. Medical terms are important in order to communicate well with patience as well as coworkers. Students learn to spell, define, pronounce and use medical terminology.

Health Professions CNA II—This course is designed to prepare students for beginning employment as a nursing assistant and is considered the program’s culminating capstone class. Students must complete 120 hours of state required clinical work and instruction, pass a background check, and provide reliable transportation to their assigned clinical sites. Each local clinic site has their own set of specific requirements such as proof of immunizations and flu shots. To be placed at a clinical site, students must comply with each requirement. These off-campus clinical experiences provide students with a unique opportunity to learn and practice their skills in a real way directly with patience while also being mentored and supervised. Successful completion of the course qualifies students to test for the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) Exam and if successful in passing it, to obtain a Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) Certification.

Certifications: Students may earn a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Certification.

Learn more about ... CTE Magnet Programs at: www.westada.org/CTE CTE Administrative Office - 208.350.5051