

Employment Facts

- *Nursing Assistants* have a “high level of social interaction.” They are very much in demand and make approximately a median Idaho annual wage ranging from \$26,000 to \$30,000.
- *Licensed Practical Nurses* needs to complete a practical nursing program and have a license. Median Idaho wage is closer to \$41,300 a year and it is considered a “fast growth” occupation with “very high” annual openings.
- *Employed in Idaho’s workforce* are close to 13,500 Registered Nurses with a annual median wage of \$64,034. To prepare for this occupation, earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing, complete the required hours of supervised clinical work and become licensed. 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.

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HEALTH SCIENCES Pathway: Certified Nursing Assistant



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Overview

The **Health Science Magnet** includes a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Pathway supported by a joint venture between the West Ada School District and Idaho State University (ISU) - Meridian Health Science Center, which is located in the same building as the CTE Center—Renaissance Campus where students attend the junior and senior-level classes. The support through the partnership support enhances the quality of the coursework by allowing the students to access some of the related labs and state-of-art equipment.



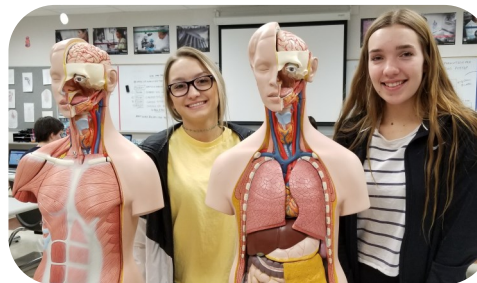
Certifications:

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

Course Offerings

Home High School Class:

Health Professions—This is a required prerequisite class which qualifies students for the next-step course—Medical Terminology. In this class students learn medical skills and about the health care industry and related careers. This year-long course also counts as a required health education credit for high school graduation.



Traveling CTE Center classes:

Medical Terminology for Health Professions—Medical terms are important in order to communicate well with patients and coworkers. In this course students learn to spell, define, pronounce and use medical terms effectively. The course may be taken for concurrent credit.



Health Professions CNA II—This course is designed to prepare students for beginning employment as a nursing assistant. To qualify to take the NATCEP exam, **students must complete a total of 120 hours, 40 of which needs to be in a clinical setting.** 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 documentation requirement and provide their own transportation.** If successful meeting the specific criteria, students are able to earn a Certified Nursing Assistant Certification.

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