

# Career Link

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- ◇ Check out careers that interest you
- ◇ Talk to your parents
- ◇ Contact your high school counselor today
- ◇ Check out our website @ [www.niacc.edu/careerlink](http://www.niacc.edu/careerlink) or contact Fran DeGroot, School Partnership Coordinator, at 1-888-466-4222, ext. 4164 or [degrofra@niacc.edu](mailto:degrofra@niacc.edu)

## Surf the Web for More Career Info!

**State of Iowa, Iowa Workforce Development**  
<http://www.iowaworkforce.org>  
<http://www.state.ia.us/government/wd/>

**US Government, Bureau of Labor Statistics**  
<http://stats.bls.gov>

**Iowa Hospital Association Health Careers**  
[www.iaonline.org](http://www.iaonline.org)

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## Health Careers Academy Britt, Iowa



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## What is the Health Careers Academy?

- ◇ Career head start
- ◇ Introductory health careers classes
- ◇ Hands-on skill training
- ◇ General education classes transferable to most colleges

## Certifications

- ◇ Health Care Provider CPR
- ◇ National Emergency Responder
- ◇ Iowa Certified Nurse Aide

## What High School Classes Do I Need?

- ◇ Language Arts/English
- ◇ Physical & Life Science
- ◇ Computer Applications
- ◇ Biology /Chemistry
- ◇ Anatomy & Physiology
- ◇ Math/Algebra

## Who Participates?

- ◇ Forest City High School
- ◇ Garner-Hayfield High School
- ◇ West Hancock High School
- ◇ Woden-Crystal Lake  
*(partners in the Health Careers Academy)*

Additional school partners are welcome.

## Class of 2011



## WHAT CLASSES WILL I TAKE?

- ◇ Medical Terminology I
- ◇ Nurse Aide Theory & Lab
- ◇ First Aid
- ◇ The Emergency Responder
- ◇ Intro to Psychology\*
- ◇ Developmental Psychology\*
- ◇ Composition and Speech I & II\*

\* General Education courses transferable to most colleges and universities.



"The Health Careers Academy was a good opportunity for me to get general education courses, while not having to pay for tuition and books."

Rachel Post  
(former student)

## HOW DOES IT BENEFIT ME?

- ◇ Health Care certifications
- ◇ High school & college credit
- ◇ College that is free to me
- ◇ New friends & teachers
- ◇ Interesting classes in your career choice
- ◇ Increased independence, responsibility, self-esteem
- ◇ Opens doors to exciting health care careers



## WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

### Fastest-Growing Health Occupations

(projected for 2008 - 2018)

- ◇ Home Health Aide
- ◇ Medical Scientists
- ◇ Physician Assistants
- ◇ Skin Care Specialists
- ◇ Physical Therapist Aides
- ◇ Dental Hygienists
- ◇ Medical Assistants
- ◇ Physical Therapist Assistants
- ◇ Occupational Therapist Assistants
- ◇ Pharmacy Technicians

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## POSSIBLE CAREERS? AVERAGE SALARIES?

Hourly \$	Annual \$
<b>Family &amp; General Practitioners</b>	
\$ 77.18	\$160,500
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	
\$ 19.14	\$ 39,800
<b>Medical Assistant</b>	
\$ 13.77	\$ 28,600
<b>Medical/Clinical Lab. Technician</b>	
\$ 17.32	\$ 36,000
<b>Medical Transcriptionist</b>	
\$ 15.68	\$ 32,600
<b>Medical Records and Health Information Technicians</b>	
\$ 15.04	\$ 31,300
<b>Nursing Aides, Orderlies &amp; Attendants</b>	
\$ 11.56	\$ 24,000
<b>Physical Therapist Assistants</b>	
\$ 23.22	\$ 48,300
<b>Radiologic Technicians</b>	
\$ 25.59	\$ 53,200
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	
\$ 30.65	\$ 63,800
<b>Surgeons</b>	
\$ 80.00+	\$166,400

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