

Overview

“Quality doesn’t just happen; it is the result of careful planning, high standards, intelligent direction and professional commitment...”

Health Occupations Professional Essentials (HOPE) is a semester course which focuses on the development of students who are interested in a health care career.

Instruction is based on the National Health Care Foundation Skills Standards. These standards represent the skill and knowledge, both academic and technical, necessary to pursue a full range of health care professions and are viewed as the “capstone” course for Utah’s Health Science program of study.

Health care skill standards offer an answer to the question, “What does a health care worker need to know and be able to do to contribute to the delivery of safe and effective health care?” These standards represent core expectations most workers need to know and be able to do in order to succeed in a health care career and provide a foundation for continuous formal preparation.

The National Health Care Foundation Skill Standards include (click on this link to obtain each standard description and accompanying accountability criteria):

- Academic Foundation
- Communications
- Systems
- Employability Skills
- Legal Responsibilities
- Medical Ethics
- Safety Practices
- Teamwork
- Health Maintenance Practices
- Technical Skills
- Information Technology Applications

Students completing the HOPE course should be encouraged to obtain the nationally recognized Health Care Foundation Skill Standards certificate, co-sponsored by the National Consortium on Health Science and Technology Education (NCHSTE) and the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI). Students will be required to complete a portfolio prior to taking the online written assessment, which is delivered by NOCTI. Click here to learn more about the National Health Care Foundation Skill Standards Assessment and Certificate Program. Students achieving a certificate of proficiency or mastery will be recognized as meeting Utah Skill Certificate expectations.