Featured South Dakota Healthcare Workforce Pipeline Activities

Health Occupations for Today & Tomorrow (HOTT) is a K-12 health career awareness curriculum. HOTT is a web-based tool with lesson plans, activities, resources, etc. designed to increase students' knowledge of health careers.

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Scrubs Camps are free, one-day, health career camps for high school students. South Dakota students have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of health careers through hands-on activities and discussions with healthcare providers. These camps began in 2007 with 5 camps. Fourteen camps are being planned for the 2012/2013 school year. Nearly 700 students took part in last year’s camps.

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Camp Meds are free, one-day, health career educational opportunities for middle school students. Students have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of health careers through hands-on activities and discussions with healthcare providers. These camps began in 2009.

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CHAMPS (Community Healthcare-workforce Allies through Mentoring, Partnering & Solutions) establishes a contact person in healthcare facilities in South Dakota to assist the South Dakota Healthcare Workforce Center in promoting health careers to students & community leaders.

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The Med-Student Partnership was initiated by the SD Healthcare Workforce Center in April of 2010. This partnership enables second year medical students to present information about medical school, reasons for choosing medicine as a career, high school preparations for medical school, etc. to high school & middle school students. These students then have the opportunity to ask the medical student questions that will help them as they begin planning for life after high school. The AHEC program office assumed responsibility for this project in 2011.

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SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations.

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Career clusters are designed to help students acquire the knowledge and skills they need to reach their postsecondary and career goals. South Dakota recognizes 16 career clusters, including Health Science. The Health Science cluster addresses planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

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SDSU and USD currently host health career exploration events for students. These events allow students the opportunity to explore a variety of health careers through lecture, tours, hands-on activities, health professional interaction, etc.

Host: SDSU/USD
http://www.sdbor.edu/services/policyplanning/HealthcareWorforceDevelopment.htm