

**North Country Career Center
Health Sciences Program Advisory Committee
Agenda**

**Friday, May 30, 2025 12:15 PM-1:15 PM
North Country Hospital Meeting Room**

Attending:

Gwen Bailey-Rowe NCCC Director;

PAC Members: Heidi Laramée, Rhonda Howard, Heather McClure, Gail Meunier, Anne Steinberg, Lyndsay Sykes, Chantal Therrien, Sara Wright, Louise, Lachance-Harrison

Students: Kaden Jones, Jacob Whittum, Abby Bathalon, Taylor Richards, Myah Couture

New instructors: Amy Maxwell, HS1; Lisa Tuck, HS2

Current instructors: Dr. Kathy Gray, Celine Champine

- I. Welcome, Introductions
- II. Health Sciences I 2024-2025 in review--Kathy Gray
 - A. 25 students: 7 LR/17 NC/1 homeschooled; 3 male; 2 sophomores/21 juniors/2 seniors
 - B. Curriculum:
 1. Semester 1 Intro to Health Care--24 took for CCV Credit
 2. Semester 2 Human Biology--22 took for CCV Credit
 - C. Clinicals: 11 total--the most ever! Able to do Mondays and Fridays second semester when nursing students not on the floor
 - D. Industry-recognized credentials (IRCs)--10 certifications/trainings earned
 1. New this year--Attended HIPAA and Infection Control training at NCH--HIPAA overview was really helpful for understanding its importance
 - E. Guest speakers/field trips--several guest speakers; Field trip to capitol in Montpelier to support NCH. Students passionate about potential loss of employment opportunity as well as local service. Fewer field trips overall, although optional trips were offered. Had more clinicals however.
 - F. Student organizations Kathy advises:
 1. STEM--high school program, but lots of NCCC students are involved. 90 students enrolled this year. Science & Engineering Fair, 4th grade STEM Day, multiple field trips, guest speakers, activities
 2. Student Voice--More programs represented in SV this year. Student-led assembly at NCUHS and LRUHS to showcase NCCC programs. Student ambassadors are very passionate about their respective programs.
 - a) Now have an instagram page and elected officers.
- III. Student guests shared their experiences being in Health Sciences. Kaden shared that clinical rotation helped him decide on diagnostic imaging as a career path. Jacob reported that rotations helped him choose cardiac sonography over PT. Taylor said that the year one clinicals helped her choose pediatric nursing. Myah's year two experiences helped her decide on general optometry rather than pediatric optometry. Abby shared that she will be pursuing an education career path. Overall, the Career Center prepares students for any profession.

- IV. Health Sciences II 2024-2025 in review--Celine Champine
 - A. 13 students: 5 LR, 9 NC; 1 male; 2 juniors/11 seniors
 - B. Curriculum
 - 1. LNA--10 students; all passed Excel proficiency exam for licensure
 - a) Elsevier training through NCH
 - b) Fingerprinting at Caledonia County Sheriff's Office--took all students at once during school hours
 - c) Clinicals--Added NCH and Meeting Place to increase exposure of work venues for LNAs. Also did clinicals at BelAire, simulated patient clinicals in-house and online virtual simulation.
 - 2. LDPs (Lifespan Development Psych, formerly Human Growth & Development--3 students; each received VTSU credit
 - a) Field placements with Charla Nadeau at NCH OB; NEK Little Ones Preschool, Michaud Manor, shopping at WalMart with BelAire residents
 - b) New this year: Public Health field trip, WIC Harvest teaching food preservation; Guest speakers--death doula
 - 3. Medical Terminology--all 13 taking for CCV credit
 - C. Evaluation--eliminated semester courses and combined LNA/Med Term and LDP/MedTerm over the year. Not as smooth as anticipated, but overall, it went OK. Attending LDP students agreed that offering both simultaneously was a good pace. Will offer the same next year.
 - D. Interview Day--very positive feedback from Lyndsay, Rhonda, and Anne on how well prepared and professional students were. Agreed it benefits students for future experiences.
 - E. SkillsUSA
 - 1. Community Service
 - a) Not discussed, but please note that the SkillsUSA Drop and Shop is scheduled for October 3, 2025 (drop off donations) and October 4, 2025 (open to public for shopping) at NCUHS gym.
 - 2. Competitions
 - a) Local
 - (1) Job Skill Demo with judges from industry.
 - (2) Health Knowledge Bowl--Heather, Heidi, and Louise provided positive feedback on the high energy and rigor of the contest.
 - b) State competitions--Additive Manufacturing silver; Med Term silver and bronze.
 - c) Nationals--Abby will be representing Vermont in Med Term in Atlanta, Georgia in June. The VT gold medalist cannot attend and Abby's score qualified her to go in their place.
- V. Goals met
 - A. Math in curriculum--Celine reports that students are finally making headway with medical math. HS2 students agreed that it is easier now.

- B. Collaboration between HS1 and HS2 per student requests. We have done many activities together this year such as spending pod time walking outside, Health Knowledge Bowl, HIPAA training together at NCH to name a few.

VI. Professional development

- A. Kathy--Renewed Health Sciences CTE license; added provisional educator license Health educator; Renewed as AHA CPR/ First Aid instructor (and renewed CPR); Renewed veterinary licenses in VT and Oregon (submitted 45 hours of PD for renewals); Graduate courses completed in teaching Nutrition and Community Health; two day conference OBLC: Online Teaching Spec. endorsement
- B. Celine--renewed RN and CTE Ed licenses; will continue training for VTSU CTE Teacher Prep Mentor; took workshop Living Fully & Dying Prepared.

VII. New instructors

- A. Amy Maxwell OT--Health Sciences 1--wants to contribute to her community in a new way. Amy is a NCCC alum.
- B. Lisa Tuck RN--32 years nursing; Originally went to college for teaching, but switched to nursing. Now is a school nurse and teaches Health. Enjoys teaching.

VIII. Discussions

- A. Gwen acknowledged Kathy and Celine for dedication to students and program.
- B. Kathy leaving for family obligations; Celine retiring
- C. Heather looking for 'universal' classes that would transfer to any college program such as Intro to Psych and English Comp. Further discussion necessary.
- D. LNA program will need clinical instructor for NCH next year. BelAire under management changes; we'll need to establish connections with new admin. Celine feels it is more manageable to have all students out on clinicals together rather than leaving some behind with sub while taking small groups to clinicals. Rhonda, Lisa and Celine will meet to secure clinical dates and instructor for the fall.
- E. Louise said the Dept of Health would like to collaborate more with Health Sciences.

IX. Adjourned at 1:15 pm