

Health Sciences Seminar Syllabus

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Our data show that success in Wake Tech Community College (WTCC) classes is achieved by students who utilize resources and supports provided by both Wake Early College of Health and Sciences (WECHS) and WTCC. Health Sciences Seminar (HS Sem) is a composite course which supports academic success at WTCC in core academic areas, as well as longer term success through continued education and career readiness.

All students will have both a weekly HS Sem class and weekly Academic Assistance (AA) classes for English, Math, and Science (when enrolled in corresponding WTCC courses). Together these high school classes are an integral component of the WECHS approach to supporting student success in college courses. Both HS Sem and AA classes are required for all WECHS students, and failure to engage in these support classes can jeopardize a student's ability to remain on North Campus.

Course Components:

College and Career (50%) Lessons in HS Sem will focus on goal setting and reflection, career and college exploration, as well as crucial skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. Lessons will be differentiated by grade level. Sample topics include:

- **5 Year Plan:** Students will develop a rolling five year plan with SMART goals for the near- (semester), mid- (1-2 years) and long- (5 years) term. Once initially established, plans will serve as living documents which will be frequently revised.
- **College and Career Exploration:** Students will work closely with the WECHS Career Development Counselor, as well as WECHS Student Services, to explore and identify college programs and careers of interest. Assignments will support students becoming competitive candidates for their identified programs.
- **Resumes:** Students will write and revise academic and employment oriented resumes.
- **Advisories:** group and individual advisory sessions for WTCC course selection
- **Portfolios:** Students will continue developing portfolios of representative works.

Missed Work: HS Sem assignments are graded, and students are responsible for all coursework. Promptly see your seminar teacher to complete any missed assignments.

Late Work: Assignments are accepted through the beginning of the next HS Sem class (one week) for full credit based on satisfactory completion. Work submitted during the second week following the lesson can earn a maximum grade of 75% (two weeks). Work submitted any time after two weeks (within the marking period) can earn a maximum grade of 50%. All work is due within the marking period. Incomplete work will earn a grade of 21%.

Attendance

Attendance in Seminar can be achieved in any **one** of three ways:

1. Attend a weekly HS Seminar session based on grade level OR
2. Attend another HS Seminar with teacher permission within the same week

This applies to these HS Seminar only. For WTCC college classes, an absence is an absence as described in the syllabus for each course and instructor.

Cheating, Plagiarism and Responsible Use of Technology

Violations of WCPSS Honor Code (e.g., cheating, plagiarism, falsification or deceit, and responsible use of technology) in HS Seminar will be identified by WECHS Staff as either Level I or Level II (WCPSS policy codes 4309 & 4310) to determine the appropriate disciplinary consequences. Wake Early College of Health and Sciences has adopted a school-wide policy to address academic integrity. The disciplinary actions associated with academic integrity offenses on Northern Campus are described below. **Please note: Integrity offenses are cumulative for the student's entire high school career. Consequently, the first offense is not erased once a student moves from the 10th grade to 11th grade.**

First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Teacher calls home and documents parent contact - student will be given the opportunity to redo the assignment for a maximum grade of 50	Teacher calls home and documents parent contact - student will be given the opportunity to redo the assignment for a maximum grade of 25	Teacher refers student to administration - Administration calls home and student will be given a 0 for the assignment.

All work submitted by students will be graded as if there was no violation and then a deduction will be applied. This will allow the student to see how they would have done on the assignment.

Academic Assistance (50%) Academic Assistance classes in English, Math, and Science provide protected time each week for students to focus on their core academic subjects, collaborate with peers, and receive supplemental instruction. Students will earn a *single quarterly grade* for AA calculated from English, Math, and Science, based on the following student actions:

- 100%** - Attends AA session, completes assignment/s during AA or participates in activities **and** submits an accurate grade check.
- 75%** - Attends AA session, completes assignment/s during AA or participates in activities but fails to submit an accurate grade check.
- 21%** - Does not attend AA session, complete assignment/s, or fails to participate. This is the grade earned if a student only submits an accurate grade check.

The number of AA's determines how heavily each AA is weighted.

We look forward to working closely with students to ensure a productive and successful school year!

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