



Aging-Related Programs for High School Students

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Oaklawn Center on Aging, Inc Oaklawn Center on Aging Nurse Aide Training Program www.oaklawncenteronaging.com Valerie Bearden, valerie@oaklawncenteronaging.com	Hot Springs, AR Offered in-person, year-round	The Oaklawn Center on Aging Nurse Aide Training Program provides education for individuals seeking a career in caregiving. The 15-day program equips students to perform caregiving skills for clients with varying levels of assistance needed, demonstrate physical and behavioral skills to aid in caring for an older adult, and successfully pass the Arkansas state Certified Nurse Aide examination.	11 th and 12 th grade Students must be at least 16 years old
Pitkin County Senior Services https://www.pitkinseniors.com/ Chad Federwitz, chad.federwitz@pitkincounty.com	Aspen, CO Offered in-person during summer break	Career Exploration: Gain exposure to various career paths and industries to make informed decisions about future educational and career pursuits. Skill Development: Acquire and improve practical skills relevant to the workplace, such as technical abilities, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. Learning Opportunities: Learn from professionals in the field through observation, hands-on experience, and mentorship. Mentorship: Receive guidance and feedback from experienced professionals, helping to shape career aspirations and personal growth. Understanding Work Culture: Learn about workplace culture, professional behavior, and expectations in a professional setting. Project Participation: Gain experience working on real projects, contributing to meaningful work, and understanding the impact of their contributions.	11 th and 12 th grade

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The University of Colorado Colorado Springs Jumpstart Aging Workforce Solutions (JAWS) https://johnsonbethel.uccs.edu/jaws/explore-jaws Judy Scott, jmarti28@uccs.edu	Colorado Springs, Colorado and communities in El Paso County, Colorado Offered in-person year-round	These 15-hour internship opportunities offer students hands-on experience in long-term care, allowing them to engage directly with healthcare settings, observe leadership in action, and gain insights into healthcare business practices. Through guided shadowing, students develop foundational skills that enhance their understanding of professional roles in healthcare	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th
University of North Carolina Wilmington iHEAL https://uncw.edu/academics/colleges/chhs/pre-health/iheal Ashley Auerbach, auerbacha@uncw.edu	Wilmington, NC Offered in-person in June, after 8 th grade graduation	At iHEAL, rising 9th grade students from southeastern North Carolina will explore a variety of healthcare careers and majors at UNC Wilmington and at other academic institutions in the state, including UNC Chapel Hill. Students will gain an understanding of the healthcare careers available in southeastern North Carolina, how social determinants and structures impact health, and how academic programs can prepare students to become health leaders. Students participate in interactive healthcare exposure simulations from esteemed faculty and healthcare professionals while spending 4-days and 3-nights on the UNC Wilmington campus. The entire camp experience is free to campers and co-sponsored by UNC School of Medicine and Novant Health.	Rising 9th graders only
University of North Carolina Wilmington Interdisciplinary Health Professions Summer Summit (IHPSS) https://uncw.edu/academics/colleges/chhs/ihpss Christina Cobb, cobbc@uncw.edu	Wilmington, NC Offered in-person during summer break	Interdisciplinary Health Professions Summer Summit (IHPSS) is a two-week day camp for high school students in New Hanover and surrounding counties. At IHPSS, students will receive lecture and lab time with faculty and community partners to learn about health science careers and what it means to work with other members of the healthcare community for whole patient care. Students will learn about health disciplines, receive hands-on learning experiences, and participate in case-study discussions that demonstrate how different professions work together for the advancement of patient health.	Students entering 10 th -12 th grades

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University of North Carolina, Wilmington Future Health Scholars www.ocfch.org Naamah Noble, noblen@uncw.edu	Wilmington, NC Offered in-person, year-round	This comprehensive initiative is aimed empowering young individuals who are interested in health professions.	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th
University of North Carolina, Wilmington The Novant Health VITALS Accelerator Program https://uncw.edu/academics/colleges/chhs/student-success-center/vitals Naamah Noble, noblen@uncw.edu	Wilmington, NC Offered in-person, year-round	This program equips students aspiring to pursue prelicensure nursing (PNSG) degree program at UNCW with comprehensive support, resources, tailored curriculum, and preparatory materials, serving as an intentional support pathway with a goal of successful admission into the undergraduate nursing program.	Must be enrolled as an incoming Freshman at UNC, Wilmington. Students begin the program the summer before their first Fall semester at UNCW. They continue in the program during the school year.
Ohio Council for Cognitive Health Dementia Friends Ohio https://ocfch.org/df/dementia-friends/ Marty Williman, mwilliman@ocfch.org	Throughout Ohio Offered in-person and virtually year-round	Dementia Friends is a free, 60 minute dementia education and awareness program designed to change the way community members of all ages think, act and talk about dementia. Sessions are delivered in-person, virtual and hybrid formats. Attendees increase their understanding of dementia and are challenged to put new-found knowledge into actions which will positively affect individuals and families impacted by dementia who live in their communities.	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Also open to High School Educators
Northwood Technical College Gerontology - Aging Services Professional www.northwoodtech.edu/gero Jennifer Ellis, jennifer.ellis@northwoodtech.edu	Northwestern Wisconsin: Superior, Ashland, Rice Lake, New Richmond Offered in-person and virtually year-round	The Gerontology-Aging Services Professional program is designed to meet the emerging and rapidly growing demand for service providers needed to work with the aging population. It is ideal for people entering the job market or choosing to enhance their current careers in service delivery or leadership roles within the gerontology field.	11 th , 12 th grade students may take individual courses, or one/two certificates under Perkins Funding. In Wisconsin it's called Start College Now. (Every state has a different name for dual credit/transcripted credit/college in the classroom.)