





## **Georgia Healthcare Science Education (HSE) Industry Certification (IC)**

Healthcare Science Education Industry Certification is a standards-based recognition program developed and validated by our industry of healthcare professionals. Since 1999, this has been an industry-led program designed to recognize and promote exemplary high school Healthcare Science Education programs, teachers and students. The program is designed to guide and assist teachers to provide documents/evidence supporting the identified standards leading to an exemplary program for students' education in healthcare. The program operational standards and curriculum – course standards have been updated and aligned with the standards approved by healthcare industry and education, Georgia Board of Education, and Georgia Department of Education (Ga DOE). Our healthcare professionals review the programs, validating the process and programs, as well as becoming aware of the opportunities provided our students statewide toward a career in healthcare.

We are very proud of our Georgia healthcare science programs. Our teachers are healthcare professionals and provide excellent opportunities for our students to better understand the healthcare careers, achieve skills in leadership and healthcare, community services, and to participate in an excellent student organization, at levels including locally, regionally, state-wide, as well as at the national and international levels. Our local industry healthcare professionals provide the support and reviews during an On-Site Evaluation for each teacher, program, and school who have applied for grant from the Georgia Department of Education CTAE. The healthcare professional team provides a comprehensive review of the program's operational and course standards with interviews with students, counselors and the administrators. They provide validation that the program and teacher are meeting the high standards set to be identified as an Industry Certified Healthcare Science Program. Programs identified as Industry Certified are those that include:

- actively involved advisory committees;
- project-based instruction;
- career development activities;
- facilities large enough to allow for active learning and competency development;
- up-to- date technologies and equipment;
- dedicated teachers through professional development;
- an active student organization (HOSA); and
- quality healthcare education as approved by healthcare industry and Ga DOE.

Competency-performance standards and specific performance objectives provide the foundation for a solid curriculum based in Healthcare Science. The certification by industry provides recognition to the high school programs that document evidence of meeting certification standards.

Since our healthcare industry is a fast-paced and ever-changing industry, it is important that our local Healthcare Professionals actively participate in the programs, review the standards and documentation for certification as well as provide recommendations for updating the standards and programs.







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