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Week 9: Health Careers Week

Earn Your uBEATS Careers Badge

Week Overview

Week 9 serves as the culmination of the Health Science Career Exploration elective. Students independently complete the uBEATS Health Careers Badge through Canvas while exploring eight healthcare career pathways. Throughout the week, students monitor their progress, reflect on career interests, discuss discoveries with peers, and celebrate their accomplishments. Students who complete the badge early may extend their learning through an optional Health Career Investigation Project.

Day 1

The purpose of Day 1 is to launch Health Careers Week, enroll students in the Canvas badge course, establish expectations, and build excitement for earning the Health Careers Badge.

During the Welcome and Course Reflection (10 min), students reflect on what they learned during the previous eight weeks and identify one topic that was memorable, surprising, or interesting.

During the Health Careers Badge Introduction (10 min), the eight healthcare career pathways included in the badge are introduced.

During Canvas Enrollment and Navigation (15 min), students enroll in the Canvas course and explore the module structure.

During Goal Setting and Planning (10 min), students create a personal completion plan for the week.

Teacher Moves:

- Celebrate student progress and accomplishments.
- Introduce the Health Careers Badge as the culminating achievement of the course.
- Support Canvas enrollment.
- Help students create realistic goals.

Days 2-5

The purpose of Days 2-5 is to provide dedicated time for independent badge completion while encouraging students to notice patterns and differences across healthcare careers.

Final Badge Celebration

Throughout the week, regularly recognize student progress toward earning the badge.

On the final day, celebrate:

- Completion of the Health Careers Badge.
- Completion of the elective course.
- Growth in scientific thinking.
- Growth in health literacy.
- Growth in career awareness.

Teacher Reinforcement:



“For the last nine weeks, you have been thinking like scientists, investigators, health professionals, and problem-solvers. The Health Careers Badge is evidence of everything you have accomplished.”

Reflection Questions

- What topic from this course was most interesting to you?
- Which healthcare career surprised you the most?
- Which healthcare career interests you the most?
- What skills do you have that could help you succeed in healthcare?
- What is something new you learned about yourself this semester?
- How has your understanding of healthcare careers changed?
- What would you like to learn more about in the future?
- How has this course influenced your thinking about possible future careers?

Optional Extension Project

Health Career Investigation Project

The purpose of the project is to provide an extension opportunity only for students who complete the Health Careers Badge early.

Students select one healthcare career and investigate:

- A day in the life
- Who they help
- Where they work
- Education and training required
- Compensation or salary range
- Important skills
- Why the career interests them

Students may communicate their learning using a format selected by the teacher, such as:

- One-pager
- Poster
- Infographic
- Slides
- Digital product
- Short presentation