

hosa future  
health  
professionals  
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## **What is HOSA?**

HOSA – Future Health Professionals is the premier organization for student leaders pursuing careers in the healthcare industry. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

## **Purpose of HOSA**

The purpose of the HOSA organization is to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program.

## **HOSA Mission Statement**

The mission of HOSA – Future Health Professionals is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students, therefore, helping students to meet the needs of the health care community.

## **The Goals of HOSA**

- To promote physical, mental and social well-being
- To develop effective leadership qualities and skills
- To develop the ability to communicate more effectively with people
- To develop character
- To develop responsible citizenship traits
- To understand the importance of pleasing oneself as well as being of service to others
- To build self-confidence and pride in one's work
- To make realistic career choices and seek successful employment in the health care field
- To develop an understanding of the importance in interacting and cooperating with other students and organizations
- To encourage individual and group achievement
- To develop an understanding of current health care issues, environmental concerns, and survival needs of the community, the nation and the world
- To encourage involvement in local, state and national health care and education projects
- To support Health Science Education instructional objectives.
- To promote career opportunities in health care.

## **HOSA Endorsements**

HOSA – Future Health Professionals is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, Florida Department of Education, the Health Science Technology Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education, and over 50 other health-related partners and industry associations.

## **HOSA is Co-curricular**

HOSA – Future Health Professionals is a national organization that operates as an integral component of the health science education curriculum. Through its association of state and local chapters, HOSA provides powerful instructional tools, recognition, leadership, networking, scholarships, and connections with the healthcare industry to thousands of members across the United States.

Through the HOSA Competitive Events Program, members have the opportunity to showcase their health care and leadership skills in over 55 different events related to all aspects of the health care industry. HOSA integrates into the Health Science Education curriculum seamlessly to develop and recognize smart, dedicated, and passionate future health professionals.

## **HOSA Benefits**

HOSA is a 100% health-care student organization giving students an opportunity to meet and socialize with other students who have a shared interest. Nearly 180,000 career-minded healthcare students have been attracted to HOSA and its mission since 1976, experiencing HOSA's unique program of leadership development, motivation and recognition. There are over 4,000 HOSA chapters, and students who have completed high school may continue their involvement in postsecondary chapters and through alumni division activities.

HOSA members are proud to belong to one of the ten (10) national career and technical student organizations recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the only career and technical student organization endorsed by the Health Science Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Just as laboratories in science classes allow students to put theory into practice, the HOSA lab lets members test their personal and leadership skills in real life. HOSA members have the opportunity to participate and/or compete in local, state and national leadership conferences. Motivated students polish their skills and receive a sense of self accomplishment as well as recognition. Research studies have shown clearly that leadership experiences in high school and college predict later leadership in adult business and social activities. And leadership experiences in organizations such as HOSA relate more closely to adult success than does academic achievement.

Through those leadership experiences, HOSA provides students with opportunities to become the best they can be as they pursue rewarding and challenging careers in the vital health professions. HOSA provides opportunities for the student to make a well informed career choice among the many health occupations, which in turn aides the students in making a more realistic career goal. Students who are exposed to the health field in high school also tend to understand the need to be flexible for inevitable career changes.

HOSA provides leadership development by developing character and promoting responsible citizenship. Students develop an understanding of current health care issues and an awareness of environmental concerns through competition and classroom academics.

HOSA members are eligible for additional scholarship opportunities.

HOSA members have an opportunity to meet outstanding leaders in the health professions and attend educational seminars specific for HOSA members.

HOSA helps students learn basic survival skills such as time management and working with a group or team. HOSA activities are geared to help students build self-esteem. HOSA activities give students opportunity to improve communication skills.



## **In Summary**

HOSA is not a club to which a few students in school join. Rather, HOSA is a powerful instructional tool that works best when it is integrated into the HSE curriculum and classroom. HSE instructors are committed to the development of the total person. Those who join the Health Science Education-HOSA Partnership recognize the importance of providing students with training far beyond the basic technical skills needed for entry into the health care field. The rapidly changing health care system needs dedicated workers who, in addition to their technical skills, are people-oriented and capable of playing a leadership or followership role as a member of a health care team. HOSA's mission is especially critical when considering the acute shortage of qualified workers for the health care industry. It is essential that the Health Science Education-HOSA Partnership maintain its momentum and encourage all HSE instructors to integrate HOSA into their curriculum and classrooms.

## **Post-Secondary Programs in HOSA**

After graduating from Robert Morgan Educational Center, your HOSA experience is not over. Below is a partial list of the post-secondary programs that offer HOSA in the state of Florida.

Atlantic Technical College	Cape Coral Technical College	Florida A&M University	Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University	Manatee Technical College	Nova Southeastern University	Pensacola State College
Robert Morgan Technical College	University of Central Florida	University of Florida	University of Miami
University of South Florida			

## **Website Information**

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