

Wake Early College of Health and Sciences



FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT

WHAT DO THE COURSES LOOK LIKE?

Each student takes courses that stretch their own personal limits, with the goal of gradually increasing the level of challenge from high school to college work at the pace most appropriate for the individual. This seamless integration of high school and college courses aligns with and meets credit requirements for an Associate Degree from Wake Technical Community College or entrance into a four-year college or university.

Project-based courses focus on integrated activities that mirror real-life experiences in the health fields in order to prepare students for internships and job shadowing and will ensure that students make meaning out of and connections among their learning.



FACULTY INVESTMENT

Nimble Wake Tech and WCPSS faculty supported by selected members of the WakeMed staff, will:



- collaborate on blended courses that integrate high school and college requirements; and
- provide continuous support for students to ensure academic and personal success in all experiences.

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THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Partnering with WCPSS in the **Wake Early College of Health and Sciences**, Wake Technical Community College and WakeMed Health & Hospitals provide important resources for this unique school.

WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- houses the school on its Health Sciences campuses with classrooms, laboratories and resources, including college media services, available to students
- includes college faculty as part of the instructional team and student support system
- enrolls students in college courses

WAKEMED HEALTH & HOSPITALS

- provides job shadowing and internship experiences
- includes employees as part of the instructional team
- offers the potential for employment in the hospital system



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This opportunity is open to current 8th graders in Wake County. WECHS exposes 9th grade students to higher level honors courses and college courses. Therefore, we are looking for applicants who:

- demonstrate a high level of academic ability, history, or potential,
- demonstrate a high level of work ethic, discipline, and maturity,
- take responsibility for their own learning due to the intense course work,
- are aware that athletics and the arts are not part of the program.



Our vision in the Wake County Public School System is for all students to graduate on time, prepared for the future. The Early College of Health and Sciences is a breakthrough opportunity for students who don't want to wait to make their mark on the world. A rigorous academic program, an opportunity for an early associate's degree, and hands-on experience in a growing industry mean that these students are positioned to thrive in a global economy the day after they graduate.

Dr. Del Burns — Wake County Public School System

The Early College will allow Wake Tech another opportunity to fulfill our mission of improving lives by meeting the lifelong educational needs of the community. This program helps to close the gap between the high school and community college education as well as serve as another innovative means of increasing the qualified people to enter the healthcare industry. We are looking forward to this being the first of several ventures of this nature.

Dr. Stephen Scott — Wake Technical Community College

This collaboration between WakeMed, Wake Tech, and the Wake County Public School System supports our commitment to the community in educating the future health care professionals of tomorrow.

Dr. William Atkinson — WakeMed Health & Hospitals

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Located on Wake Tech Health Sciences campus adjacent to WakeMed
- Small school setting of no more than 400 students
- Continuous support for academic success
- Certificate programs or Associate Degrees are available
- Free, transferable college credit while attending high school
- Internships, job shadowing opportunities, community service experiences
- PULSE



WHAT IS PULSE?

WECHS students check their PULSE — *Participation, Understanding, Leadership, Scholarship, and Excellence* — three times a week. This program connects them to an advisor who keeps them focused on their goals.

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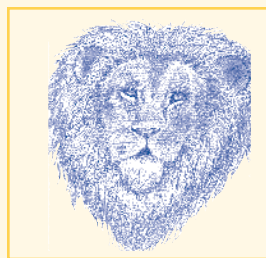


WakeMed Health & Hospitals



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**A Learn and Earn
Early College High School
Committed to Academic Excellence,
Curriculum Acceleration and
Success for all Students**

WHAT IS THE
WAKE EARLY COLLEGE
OF HEALTH AND SCIENCES?

While enrolled in the **Wake Early College** of Health and Sciences (**WECHS**), students participate in an academic program that fulfills North Carolina high school graduation requirements and allows them to complete college coursework as part of their high school career. The school's theme — *health and sciences* — is integrated throughout the curriculum. Students follow the Wake Technical Community College calendar.



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