



Career Exploration Model

OVERVIEW	
Title of Event	Planning for Your Future: Exploring Career Opportunities in Health Sciences
Type of Activity <i>(job shadow, guest speaker, career fair, site visit, etc.)</i>	Career fair
Model for Delivery <i>(virtual, hybrid, in-person)</i>	In person at Joliet Junior College
Industry Partner(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Hospital • Greater Joliet Area YMCA • Joliet Junior College • Wilco Area Career Center • Plainfield School District
Endorsement Area(s)	Health Sciences and Information Technology
Occupations Represented	Central Scheduling, Environmental Services, Medical Central Transport, Dental Hygienist, Health Information Management Technician, Medical Insurance Verification, Laboratory Technician, Certified Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Billing, Medical Coding Specialist, Medical Technician, Medical Emergency Services, Licensed Practical Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Medical Ultrasound, Registered Nurse, Medical Nutrition Services, Occupational Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapist, Pharmaceutical Sales, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomist, Radiologic Technologist, Respiratory Therapist, Surgical Technician
Brief Event Description <i>(include any links to resources and materials as you are able)</i>	<p>The Plainfield community piloted their event at Joliet Junior College on Thursday evening, September 29, 2022, from 6:00–7:30 p.m., based on community feedback that this time would allow both students and families to attend.</p> <p>As attendees arrived, they were able to browse tables with representatives from Edwards Hospital, students and instructors from Joliet Junior College, and other area hospital providers. YMCA was instrumental in recruiting industry professionals for the event and ensuring that each career included on their regional program of study was represented.</p> <p>Attendees convened in a large room to learn about the programs available at Joliet Junior College, including financial support and scholarship opportunities to fund their education. Representatives from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission were available to discuss the FAFSA process, and representatives from Joliet Junior College were</p>

	available to discuss their specific financial items. Students and families also had the opportunity to take tours of the nursing department at Joliet Junior College, led by current students.	
Preparation Activities before the Event <i>(include any links to resources and materials as you are able)</i>	For Participants	For Partners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotional flier • Registration form • Customized program of study • Event agenda • Running slideshow of health careers represented 	
Reflection/Follow-up Activities after the Event <i>(include any links to resources and materials as you are able)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief notes from planning team

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