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Cisco College Partners With Hendrick to Launch Healthcare Academy

Abilene, Texas - October 26, 2023 – Cisco College is proud to join forces with Hendrick Health in its commitment to shaping the future of the medical workforce. The recent introduction of the Healthcare Academy underscores this collaborative effort, designed to provide high school students with invaluable insights into the diverse array of healthcare professions.

Open to students in grades nine through 12, the Healthcare Academy offers a comprehensive experience. Participants engage in a healthcare expo featuring hands-on demonstrations of various medical jobs. Additionally, they gain firsthand experience through open lab sessions at Cisco College, to see what it is like to be a healthcare student. The program further facilitates job shadowing opportunities with healthcare professionals at Hendrick Health.

During the first Healthcare Academy class, students participated in labs within the Cisco College Respiratory Care and Pharmacy technology programs.

“The Respiratory Care program was honored to be part of introducing students to the world of Respiratory Therapy,” said Cisco College Respiratory Care Program Director, Shellie Wilson. “During our time with the students, we focused on fundamental skills that Respiratory Therapists must perform daily.”

Students learned about Auscultating breath sounds and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. They were also taught the essential components of each skill and then given the opportunity to put those skills into action.

During the second half of the Healthcare Academy, students spent time with the Cisco College Pharmacy Technology program learning how to make medications.

“I enjoyed seeing the students light up when they were able to do a hands-on activity and see what a pharmacy technician does in an institutional setting,” said Cisco College Pharmacy Technology Program Director, Rachel Bishop. Students learned practical skills that Pharmacy Technicians perform every day. They learned how to reconstitute practice antibiotics and make intravenous medications.”

“Activities like these not only enhance students’ understanding of theoretical concepts, but also prepare them for real-world applications in their future careers,” she added.

For more information about Health Science Programs at Cisco College, visit the Abilene campus or www.cisco.edu, or contact the Cisco College Pre-Health Sciences Counselor, Michaela Bradford at prehealthsciences@cisco.edu.

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About Cisco College

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.