

# Health, Safety, and Ethics in the Health Environment

## Course Overview and Syllabus

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**Grade level:** 9–12

**Prerequisite Courses:** None

**Credits:** 0.5

### Course Description

Health, Safety, and Ethics in the Health Environments is a semester-long high school course that focuses on healthcare safety, health maintenance practices, environmental safety processes and procedures, and ethical and legal responsibilities. It also reinforces, expands and enhances biology content specific to diseases and disorders. Students participate in project- and problem-based healthcare practices and procedures to demonstrate the criticality of these knowledge and skills. Students develop basic technical skills required for all health career specialties including understanding occupational safety techniques and obtaining their CPR and First Aid certifications.

### Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Explore an overview of the U.S. healthcare system, including its various facilities and regulations
- Describe healthy behaviors and how they affect life and health
- Identify and apply various skills needed in the healthcare field
- Investigate regulatory laws, ethics, and universal precautions
- Discuss how lifelong learning and professional development impact advancement and career satisfaction

### Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

## Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

## Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	10%
Projects	30%
Additional	0%

## Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** Key Systems that Affect Quality of Health Care/Structure of the Healthcare Environment
- Unit 2:** Body Systems, Health, and Wellness
- Unit 3:** Ethical and Legal Responsibilities
- Unit 4:** Health: Safety, Maintenance, and the Environment
- Unit 5:** Leadership and Teamwork
- Unit 6:** Academic and Technical Skills
- Unit 7:** Careers in Healthcare, Employability, and Career Development