

# Why Would You Choose an Academy

By enrolling in a Career Academy, students can access various benefits, such as learning from experienced teachers, earning college credits, obtaining industry certifications, and interacting with local businesses. The academy paves a clear path to graduation, equips students for future education or employment, and organizes special activities to broaden their understanding of career prospects. Students also enjoy advantages like small-group learning, mentorship, and the opportunity to take industry certification exams for potential college credits.



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MANATEE HIGH SCHOOL  
MEDICAL ACADEMY

# MEDICAL ACADEMY



Preparing students for health care and fitness careers through a rigorous and relevant health and academic program

## Medical Academy Mission

Manatee High School's Medical Academy aims to equip students with an interest in health sciences to excel in further education and a career in a dynamic world. The academy prioritizes student-centered learning, offers motivating experiences to all students, delivers a challenging curriculum with technological enhancements, and encourages creative, critical, and analytical thinking.

### Medical Academy Courses

#### Medical Skills & Procedures

#### EKG Technician

#### Clinical Medical Assisting

#### Medical Admin Assisting

#### First Aid & Safety

#### Human Anatomy & Physiology

#### Healthcare Foundations

#### Care & Prevention of Athletic

#### Injuries

#### Exercise Science

#### Allied Health Assisting

\*other courses are offered based upon faculty availability



New to the Medical Academy in 2024 is our exercise science track. Qualified seniors in the academy have the opportunity to earn the NASM or ACSM personal trainer certification. These credentials provide the knowledge and practical skills to work in a variety of fitness facilities including health spas, corporate and community fitness centers and beyond. Academy members have the opportunity to volunteer and shadow health related professionals in our local communities. Students learn basic patient care under the direct supervision of licensed clinicians and are able to explore all areas of health related professions.

Students in this program are eligible to participate in HOSA – Future Health Professionals, a national student organization. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry and enhance quality healthcare delivery to all people. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition for students enrolled in health occupation educational classes.

Several industry certifications are available to students, allowing them to demonstrate workforce-ready skills. Whether students continue their education or enter the workforce immediately after graduation, they are armed with the skills and knowledge they need to tackle their chosen career field. Industry certifications through the Medical Academy include Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, EKG Technician, Home Health Aide, personal training rehab technician and more.



## Medical Academy Faculty

**Coach Richard Lansky, CSCS, RSCC**

ACSM Certified Exercise Physiologist  
NASM Certified Personal Trainer

**Dr. Zach Zerbonia, PT, DPT, MBA, CGCP,  
CDP, CDAL**

Licensed & Registered Physical Therapist  
Certified Dementia Practitioner  
Certified Assisted Living Director  
Certified Geriatric Care Manager

\*Interested parties should see their assigned guidance counselor.

