

## Westbury High Schools' Health Science Program "Soars" to Great Heights



The Health Science Career Cluster encompasses more than 200 career specialties and/or occupations. The Health Science program at Westbury High School focuses on careers in planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development. The students at Westbury perform their clinical rotation duties at the Memorial-Hermann Hospital and the People's Clinic.





The health care industry provided 13.5 million jobs—13.1 million jobs for wage and salary workers and about 411,000 jobs for the self-employed in over 300 different health careers. Of these, approximately 41 percent require professional-level preparation, 33 percent require technical-level preparation, and 26 percent require assistant-level preparation. The Department of Labor’s Bureau of Statistics predicts that 8 out of 20 of the fastest growing occupations are in health care services, and the need for health care professionals in the United States is expected to increase more than 27 percent by the year 2014.

