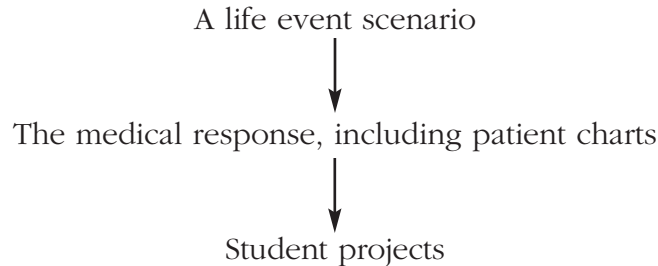


Program Overview

The *American Careers* health program provides a “big picture” look at health care. Through a variety of experiences, students gain an in-depth understanding of careers in specialized career cluster pathways, but always within a broader context.

“What happens when someone needs health care?” The program is structured around a sequence that answers the question –



Program benefits include ...

Integrated Academics

- Chemistry and math come together in the work of a respiratory therapist who calculates arterial blood gases.
- Language and social studies are required in the work of all health care professionals who keep accurate records at every point of caring for a patient.
- Students use background knowledge from all subject areas and career cluster pathways in the context of scenarios and projects.

Integrated Industry Issues – Some of the New Basic Skills

- Individual occupations operate within a team concept, which is also the case in the health industry.
- Quality health care requires both an understanding of ethical practices and knowledge of applicable laws.
- Critical thinking and good decision making in a health care delivery system have profound influence on results – there are no shortcuts.

Altogether, the *American Careers* health program provides students with fresh insights and a comprehensive awareness of health care in the 21st century.