

Texas Panhandle P-16 Project - AVATAR
Funding administered by the University of North Texas
Region 16 ESC - Health Vertical Alignment Team

Project Goal:

To create a level one academic Certificate at the Community College that aligns to the high school TEKS for Health Science and provides an academic pathway for high school students to transition into a College level Certificate Program which moves into additional stackable credentials in the health sciences.

Participating Partners:

Amarillo College, West Texas A&M University, Texas Tech
Canyon ISD, Amarillo ISD, Hereford ISD
Region 16 ESC
Baptist Community Services Long Term Care Facility
Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital System
Northwest Texas Healthcare System

Progress toward the Project Goal:

1. Patient Care Technician (PCT) Level One Certificate created and approved through the College Curriculum Committee and submitted to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for addition to Amarillo College's Academic Inventory.
 - a. Value added components of the PCT program:
 - i. NHA Certification in PCT and EKG
 - ii. Eligible for ASCP Certification in Phlebotomy
 - iii. CNA Registry with Department of Aging and Disability
2. Alignment of the PCT program to stack into other existing College Programs:
 - a. Clinical Medical Assistant
 - b. Medical Laboratory Technician
 - c. Medical Data Specialist
3. Articulation Agreements signed by local Independent School Districts
4. Employer requested skills incorporated into the curriculum
5. Skills Aligned with 2016-2017 High School Health Science TEKS

Future plans:

Align 2017-2018 TEKS Modifications, Increase stackability into college Nursing Programs, expand articulation and dual credit possibilities and refine the program coordination, create a pathway for developmental education entry points into the program.