

# Senior-Level Health Academy – EKG Completer Course

## Application & Reference Packet

### Dear Prospective Health Academy Student and Parent/Guardian

Your student has expressed interest in advancing to the senior-level Health Academy Completer Course in Electrocardiography (EKG). This course is designed for juniors who are prepared to demonstrate a high level of academic commitment, technical skill, and **exceptional professionalism**. Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of responsibility, maturity, and professional conduct at all times.

Before applying, students and parents/guardians must understand the rigor and requirements of this senior-level program.

### **Certification Requirement**

Students enrolled in the EKG Completer Course are required to sit for the **National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Certified EKG Technician (CET) exam** at the end of the school year. Participation in this national certification exam is mandatory and is a core component of the course.

### **Clinical Skill Requirement**

In addition to classroom instruction, students must successfully complete the hands-on clinical component, which includes:

- Performing a minimum of **ten (10) live EKGs on real individuals (classroom peers)**
- Demonstrating proper patient identification and preparation
- Correct lead placement and accurate rhythm acquisition
- Professional communication and patient care throughout the procedure

Completion of these live EKGs is required to qualify for NHA certification eligibility. Failure to complete all ten EKGs will result in ineligibility to sit for the certification exam, regardless of classroom grades.

### **Professionalism Expectations**

As senior-level Health Academy students representing the school in a healthcare-focused program, students are expected to demonstrate **exceptional professionalism, maturity, and**

**accountability.** This course mirrors real-world healthcare expectations and requires respectful, ethical conduct in both classroom and clinical settings.

Students are required to maintain:

- Professional behavior and ethical conduct at all times
- Adherence to dress code, including approved scrubs and closed-toe shoes during lab and clinical skill days
- Awareness of patient privacy, dignity, and confidentiality
- Willingness to both perform EKGs on classmates and serve as a patient during skill practice
- Comfort with appropriate physical proximity required for accurate lead placement during live EKG practice

Students who fail to meet academic, clinical, attendance, or professionalism standards may be removed from the EKG Completer Course and forfeit eligibility for certification.

### **Application Packet Includes**

- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Student Applicant Essay Responses
- Grade report for Health Science I & II
- Current GPA

### **Parent & Student Acknowledgment**

We understand that the EKG Senior-Level Health Academy Completer Course requires mandatory participation in the National Health career Association (NHA) certification exam and completion of ten (10) live EKG procedures to qualify for certification eligibility. We acknowledge the attendance, academic, clinical, and professionalism expectations outlined above.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## EKG Applicant Application Questions

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Why are you interested in enrolling in the EKG Completer Course? How does this course align with your healthcare goals?**

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- 2. Professionalism is essential in healthcare. What does professionalism mean to you, and how do you demonstrate it in school or work settings?**

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- 3. The course requires performing ten (10) live EKGs on classmates. How will you prepare yourself to feel confident and professional during clinical practice?**

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**4. What personal qualities make you a good candidate for the EKG program?**

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**5. Career Goals: What healthcare careers are you considering, and how will earning your EKG certification support those goals?**

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**6. List any other academic achievements, clubs, or volunteer experiences.**

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**Academics**

- Current GPA (weighted): \_\_\_\_\_
- Current GPA (unweighted): \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Science I Semester I Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Science I Semester II Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Science II Semester I Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Science II Semester II Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher/Reference Evaluation**  
**Electrocardiograph Technician Honors (EKG Certification)**

**To the evaluator:** To assist the Health Academy in appropriate course placement, we appreciate your evaluation of the above applicant for the Senior-Level Health Academy EKG Completer Course. Your honest feedback regarding academic readiness, professionalism, work ethic, and hands-on skills is highly valued. Comments indicating areas for growth will **not automatically disqualify** the student. Students will not see or know about what you have written.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Questions:**

1. **Academic Preparedness:** How well does the student handle rigorous coursework, learn technical skills, and follow detailed instructions?

**Rating (Lowest to Highest):**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

**Additional Comments (if necessary):**

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2. **Professionalism and Work Ethic:** Does the student demonstrate responsibility, maturity, teamwork, and respect—qualities essential for a healthcare setting?

**Rating (Lowest to Highest):**

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**Additional Comments (if necessary):**

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3. **Hands-On Clinical Readiness:** The course requires performing live EKGs on classmates. How confident and professional do you feel the student would be in performing clinical skills while maintaining patient respect and safety?

**Rating (Lowest to Highest):**

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**Additional Comments (if necessary):**

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Name of Teacher (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to provide any further comments, please email  
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