

Healthcare at Itasca

Program Aim

The purpose of ALI's Healthcare Program is to promote the education and exploration of healthcare careers among high school students by providing the technical skills and knowledge necessary for them to make career decisions in this field. Here's what you can look forward to by participating in this program:

- career exploration
- college credit
- job-ready skills
- a start in the field

Program components

This program is a collaborative effort between seven area high schools and Itasca Community College, who have joined together to form Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (IASC). This combined effort helps to build a more skilled, educated workforce through programs like this. Classes are offered to 11th and 12th graders through the following:

- online classes
- late-afternoon classes
- weekend classes

Classes

Fall 2008 – Medical Careers I

Healthcare Core Curriculum	.5 high school credit	online + field trips
Career Exploration	1 college credit	online + field trips
Nursing Assistant	3 college credits	late-afternoon course
Home Health Aide Training	1 college credits	late-afternoon course

Spring 2009 – Medical Careers II

Healthcare Core Curriculum II	.5 high school credit	online + field trips
Nutrition and Diet Therapy	1 college credit	online + field trips
First Responder	2 college credits	day course
Medical Terminology	1 college credit	online + field trips
Advanced Nursing Assistant (NARII)	3 college credits	late-afternoon course
Trained Medication Assistant (TMA)	1 college credit	late-afternoon course

Participating High Schools

- Deer River
- Floodwood
- Grand Rapids-Bigfork
- Greenway
- Hill City
- Nashwauk-Keewatin
- Northland-Remer

Listed above are several examples of careers you can pursue through ALI courses. If you are interested in this program or want to register for these classes, contact your high school counselor or principal and say you're interested in the ALI Healthcare Curriculum through Itasca Community College.

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ALI

Applied Learning Institute (ALI) was formed in 2006 to enhance the curriculum in northeast Minnesota by providing experiential learning that combines hands-on training and technology. The result will be highly trained, knowledgeable workers who are equipped with the technical and problem-solving skills needed by employers in the region and throughout the world. From this point on, each year thousands of work opportunities will be available in northeast Minnesota. While the region will have 7,500 openings each year due to retirements alone, some jobs have not even been created yet.

ALI programs are in the fields of advanced automotive, business entrepreneurship, construction trades, healthcare, industrial technology, natural resources and pre-engineering. ALI is a partnership connecting northeastern Minnesota school districts, colleges of the Northeastern Higher Education District (NHED), Iron Range Resources (IRR), Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS), and Minnesota Center for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence (MNCEME). ALI is funded through a Minnesota legislative appropriation to NHED, funds from Iron Range Resources, and membership dues from partner institutions.