Professional Organizations

Course
Principles of Health Science

Unit VI
Personal qualities of a health care workers

Essential Question
What is a professional organization?

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Prior Student Learning
none

Estimated time
1-2 hours

Rationale
Most professionals in the health field are affiliated with a professional organization. Students need to understand the function of those professional organizations.

Objectives
Upon completion of this lesson, the student will be able to
- evaluate the need for professional organizations
- evaluate the advantages of professional organizations
- examine the role of professional organizations in the preparation and governance of credentialing and certification

Engage
Have you ever heard of the AMA or the ADA? What do these abbreviations mean?

American Medical Association and the American Dental Association
What do they do? How do you become a member? Who are members? What are the benefits?

Key Points
I. Professional Organizations
   A. Also known as professional associations
   B. Non-profit organizations seeking to further a particular profession, the interests of individuals engaged in that profession, and the public interest
   C. They usually exist to help give a general structure to all parties involved in those fields
   D. They also provide guidelines for professional standards and a place of connection between professionals
   E. Perform professional certification/licensure to indicate that a person possesses qualifications in the subject area
   F. Sometimes membership of a professional body is synonymous with certification, though not always
   G. In some professions, membership in a professional body is a legal requirement, and forms the primary formal basis for gaining entry into and setting up practice within that profession
II. Health Care Professional Organizations

A. American Society for Microbiology  
B. American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science  
C. American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians  
D. American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
E. Texas Dietetic Association  
F. American Association of Medical Assistants  
G. American Health Information Management Association  
H. Texas Dental Association  
I. Emergency Medical Services Association of Texas  
J. Texas Counseling Association  
K. American Nurses Association  
L. American Optometric Association  
M. Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
N. American Medical Association  
O. American Pharmaceutical Association  
P. Texas Association, Directors of Volunteer Services  
Q. American Hospital Association for Volunteer Leaders  

III. Student Organizations

A. HOSA Future Health Professionals  
1. HOSA is a 100% health-care student organization giving students an opportunity to meet and socialize with other students who have a shared interest. Over 100,000 career-minded healthcare students have been attracted to HOSA and its mission since 1976, experiencing HOSA’s unique program of leadership development, motivation and recognition. There are close to 3000 HOSA chapters, and students who have completed high school may continue their involvement in postsecondary chapters and through alumni division activities.  
2. HOSA is one of the ten (10) national career and technical student organizations recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the only career and technical student organization endorsed by the Health Science Technology Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education.  
3. Just as laboratories in science classes allow students to put theory into practice, the HOSA lab lets members test their personal and leadership skills in real life. HOSA members have the opportunity to participate and/or compete in area, state and national leadership conferences. Motivated students polish their skills and receive a sense of self accomplishment as well as recognition.  
4. HOSA objectives for students include:
a. Leadership experiences in high school and college to prepare students for leadership roles in adult business and social activities.
b. Provides opportunities for the student to make a well-informed career choice among the many health occupations, which in turn aids the students in making a more realistic career goal. Students who are exposed to the health field in high school also tend to understand the need to be flexible for inevitable career changes.
c. Provides leadership development by developing character and promoting responsible citizenship.
d. Students develop an understanding of current health care issues and an awareness of environmental concerns through competition and classroom academics.

B. SkillsUSA is another national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health care occupations. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). They also offer leadership and competitive events for students.

Activity
I. Complete Scavenger Hunt of a Professional Organization
II. Interview a professional in a career of interest – see interview questions

Assessment
Successful completion of activities

Materials
Scavenger Hunt of a Professional Organization
Interview Questions
computers with internet access

Accommodations for Learning Differences
For reinforcement, the student will develop a collage related to a professional organization.

For enrichment, the student will research one of the related professional organizations and present finding with a multimedia presentation.

National and State Education Standards
National Health Science Cluster Standards
Healthcare professionals will understand the roles and responsibilities of individual members as part of the healthcare team, including their ability to promote the delivery of quality healthcare. They will interact effectively and sensitively with all members of the healthcare team.

8.1 Healthcare Teams
8.11 Understand roles and responsibilities of team members.

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130.202(c) 7(B) examine the role of professional organizations in the preparation and governance of credentialing and certification.

Texas College and Career Readiness Standards

Social Studies Standards:
IV. Read research data critically
Professional Organization
Scavenger Hunt

Pick one of the professional organizations in the career area you are interested in pursuing. Go to their website and answer the following questions:

1. Who is eligible for membership?

2. Is the professional organization responsible for licensure or accreditation of their members?

3. Do they offer continuing education and/or a conference for their members?

4. Is continuing education a requirement to keep membership?

5. How often?

6. How much does it cost for membership?

7. How often do they have to renew their membership?

8. List three membership benefits
Professional Interview

1. Is the person you are interviewing a member of a professional organization?

2. Is the professional organization responsible for licensure or accreditation of their members?

3. Do they offer continuing education and/or a conference for their members?

4. Is continuing education a requirement to keep membership?

5. How often?

6. How much does it cost for membership?

7. How often do they have to renew their membership?

8. List three membership benefits