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## McKinley High School Students Get Jump Start On Health Care Careers

**(Honolulu, Hawaii) August 22, 2017** – Approximately 15 students from the [McKinley High School](#) Health Academy will take their career interests in health care to the next level even before graduation. The Health Academy will once again partner with [Hawaii Medical College \(HMC\)](#), an accredited health care institution located on Kapiolani Boulevard, to allow students to sit in and observe clinical and science classes.

“Because last school year was such a success, the McKinley Health Academy students have requested once again to attend classes at Hawaii Medical College,” said Tiffany Miyashiro, McKinley Health Academy Instructor/HOSA Advisor. “The expectations and goals for these students are to learn more about their career interests in health care and explore their post-secondary opportunities.”

The Health Academy, part of the international student organization [HOSA](#), gives students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field a head start. HOSA’s “mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.” The Hawaii chapter of HOSA was chartered in 2005 and currently includes 23 of Hawaii’s high schools and eight post-secondary institutions.

The tentative start date for Health Academy students to attend HMC classes is September 12 and will run through December. Students will learn valuable information and skills of the medical profession on the HMC campus every other school day. Prior to the start, they’ll be prepped on note-taking and professionalism.

“Hawaii Medical College works extensively with local high schools and community organizations on various health care initiatives,” said Ron Claxton, HMC Clinical Medical Assistant Coordinator/HOSA Advisor. “We’re happy to welcome the students in McKinley’s Health Academy and give them a preview of what they can expect at a post-secondary institution and in the medical field.”

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