

HOW TO GET THERE GUIDE

Thanks for your interest in using our BeSomethingAmazing 'How To Get There' Guide. Use this document for general guidance on getting involved with the healthcare career pathway of your choice at both the high school and college level. This guide is not intended to be a comprehensive checklist, but rather a quick reference of things you may want to consider at certain points in your educational career. For questions, you may reach out to mbowne@scha.org.

In High School:

- Talk with your guidance counselor about healthcare career options that interest you
- Research different career options in healthcare (use the www.besomethingamazing.com quiz to identify potential career options, or read through the provided career profiles!)
- Don't limit yourself to the traditional or more well-known careers -explore all options. Think about the career ladder you can build starting with career options like a certified nursing assistant, EMS provider, pharmacy technician, etc.
- Get involved with healthcare-based or related school organizations, like SC HOSA!
- Job shadow at a local hospital
- Get involved with your local hospital by following their community events calendar and signing up to volunteer
- Take healthcare, science, or math related courses at your school or the district's career and technology center
- Research in-state schools that have a program/track for your career path of interest
- Research entry requirements of each program that you're interested in
- Talk to as many different health professionals as you can to learn about their career and their story

Post-High School:

- Stay involved with healthcare-based or related school organizations (SC HOSA has collegiate chapters, as well!)
- Talk with your academic advisor about program requirements (i.e. clinicals, shadowing, etc.)
- Talk with your academic advisor about any professional connections they may have to aid you in getting involved in your area of interest
- Identify shadowing opportunities at your local hospital/health system
- Identify any opportunities for employment (part-time or full time) at a local healthcare organization (try to get something that's related to the field you'd eventually like to end up in; that way, you can receive credentials/experience while you're in school!)
- Complete all academic program requirements for graduation

