

Background

Launchpad to Nursing Boot Camp is an innovative nursing pipeline program for middle school and high school students designed to introduce the nursing profession through informative and immersive learning experiences.

Course Objectives:

- Understand who nurses are and what they do
- Compare and contrast different nursing roles
- Learn the pathway to a career in nursing
- Demonstrate basic assessment skills
- Learn patient relationship building



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Description

- This course is designed to offer a four-hour immersive hands-on learning experience, enabling students to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the essential skills required for nursing. This intensive program focuses on key areas such as clinical judgment, patient communication, and emergency response techniques, ensuring that students are well-prepared for real-life medical scenarios.
- The curriculum is built around scenario-based learning, providing students with real-life experiences that are crucial for their future roles as nurses. Throughout the course, students rotate through five distinct stations, each employing various teaching strategies including simulation, artificial intelligence, didactic methods, and more.
- The course concludes with an innovative "Escape Your Shift" activity, where students bring together the elements learned throughout the day in one culminating challenge. This activity is designed to test their ability to integrate and apply their skills mirroring the demands of a real nursing shift.



Impact

Course Evaluations:

		Aggregate Score
1	I enjoyed my experience today.	4.69
2	I am more interested in nursing after today's experience.	4.20
3	I learned something new today that I did not know before.	4.67
4	I have a better understanding of what a nurse does after today's experience.	4.59
5	I can now identify 3 different areas of nursing.	4.44
6	I have a better understanding of how to become a nurse after today's experience.	4.34
7	The course reviewed 3 ways to build relationships with patients.	4.19
8	I have a better understanding of the nurse's contribution to the healthcare team after today's experience.	4.61

Community Impact

Beyond the classroom, students are equipped with materials and knowledge to help the community in real-life scenarios. Key areas of focus include:

- Identifying a Stroke: Recognizing the signs and symptoms of a stroke and understanding the immediate actions required.
- Basics of CPR: Scene safety, call for help, start compressions in emergency situations.
- Teamwork in Healthcare: Emphasizing the importance of collaboration and effective communication within healthcare teams.

Future State:

- Develop tiered boot camps to capture various levels of learners ranging from K-12 to adult learners interested in nursing.

