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Health Care Experience Workshop notes

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Organizations Represented

Homewatch Caregivers

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www.HomewatchCareGivers.com/Grand-Rapids

- Homewatch Caregivers provides patients living at home with care that they may need. They hire Care Givers who work 15 hours/week on a flexible schedule. Care Givers provide patients with basic needs, which may include bathing, dressing, light housekeeping, or other things the patient requests. When hiring Care Givers, Homewatch does consider volunteer experience and would prefer applicants to have some care-giving background and experience with the elderly.
- Care Givers complete 15 online training courses during their first 60-90 days of employment before going into homes.

Goodwill Industries—CNA Training

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Certified Nurse Aide Training Program

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www.goodwillgr.org/cna

- Goodwill offers Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training. The program is four weeks, Monday-Friday; they offer at least three courses each summer. The CNA program includes 115 hours of training in theory, laboratory, and clinical work.
- Cost is \$1200 and includes supplies and the certification exam fee. A portion of the costs could be reimbursed through employment at an agency that accepts Medicare or other federal aid. Goodwill offers one full scholarship per course and one partial scholarship per course. These scholarships are awarded to individuals who demonstrate financial need as well as motivation to succeed and excellent work habits.
- A list of other approved CNA programs in Michigan can be found at www.mycareereducation.org.

Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital

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www.maryfreebed.com/jobs

- Mary Free Bed provides “Career Seminars” which allow students to learn about different rehab-related careers, including Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), and Recreational Therapy. These Career Seminars lead to job shadowing opportunities (students must attend a Career Seminar before they are allowed to shadow).
- There are volunteer opportunities available to college students at Mary Free Bed, which allow up to 30-40 hours of volunteer work. Students will have the opportunity to observe therapists (PT, OT or SLP), and maintain the cleanliness of therapy areas. Students interested in volunteering should complete an application at this link: <http://www.maryfreebed.com/Jobs/Volunteering>
- Mary Free Bed has paid entry-level jobs for CNAs, Rehabilitation Techs, and patient escorts. Their Nurse Tech positions do not require prior certification.
- Mary Free Bed also offers both minority and disability scholarship programs, which could provide qualified students with \$1000 to \$10,000 in scholarship awards. To be eligible for the minority scholarship, students must be admitted or currently enrolled in a full time program such as Nursing, PT, OT, SLP, Therapeutic Rec, or Neuropsychology. There are no program requirements for the disability scholarship. Visit this link for more information: <http://www.maryfreebed.com/jobs/minority-disability-scholarships/>

Porter Hills Retirement Communities and Services

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- Porter Hills has various volunteer opportunities available at their retirement communities which are continuous positions. These positions could involve being a Friendly Visitor, which is someone who provides social enrichment to the residents.
- There are mostly day hours but they do run three 12 hour shifts/day. Flex positions are available.

- Postings are updated every Friday. They encourage you to submit a cover letter with your application.
- They also have paid positions that are more hands-on, such as Resident Assistants (which require no prior certification) or CNAs. For more information, visit www.porterhills.org/jobs
 - To be competitive for positions at Porter Hills, it's helpful to have experience in geriatrics (i.e. caring for a sick relative), ability to work on your feet, and good computer skills.

GVSU Scribe Academy

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www.gvsu.edu/scribe

- GVSU has partnered with Emergency Care Specialists (www.ecs-wmi.com) to provide the GVSU Scribe Academy. The program is designed to train individuals to assist healthcare providers in local Emergency Departments (ED) by documenting patient care in the electronic medical record. Students enrolled in the program are trained in the classroom, online, and in the ED.
 - Students who successfully complete the program will be hired as hourly employees of Emergency Care Specialists and will work at a Spectrum Health hospital location such as Butterworth, Blodgett, or Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Scribes must be able to work at least two 8 hour shifts/week.
- As a medical scribe you'll witness a multitude of patient cases every day – from sprained ankles to life-threatening injuries – giving you unparalleled clinical exposure to take with you to medical, nursing or PA school.
- **To apply for a scribe position, visit www.gvsu.edu/scribe**
 - Applications are currently being accepted for the December cohort, which runs over winter break. There are also cohorts running throughout the summer.
 - Requirements to apply include: 2.50 minimum GPA, at least sophomore standing, the ability to type >60 WPM and lift up to 15 lbs. A background check, drug screening, and immunizations are also required.
- To be competitive for a scribe position, it helps to:
 - Be pursuing a health degree
 - Be familiar with medical terminology
 - Have an ability to multi task and work effectively in a fast-paced environment
 - Be confident and have good communication skills
- Scribe positions are a great gap year activity; scribes can become managers and work full time at a higher rate of pay.

HealthCorps--Cherry Street Health Services

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- Cherry Health participates in the Community HealthCorps program, a health-focused, national AmeriCorps program that promotes healthcare for America's underserved, while developing tomorrow's healthcare workforce. With over 30 members, Cherry Health has the largest Community HealthCorps service team in the country and it is an integral part of healthcare delivery at Cherry Health.
- Community HealthCorps incorporates an extensive training program that explores community health issues, the national service movement, professional development, and Prescriptions for Success, a comprehensive curriculum that covers topics including serving in a diverse health care environment, cultural competency, the primary care environment, patient relations, and case management.
- Members receive a living allowance, child care assistance (if eligible), health insurance, student loan forbearance and an education award of \$5,645 upon successful completion of the program.
- It entails a 1-year commitment, 35 hours/week. This is another great gap year activity for those looking for health care experience with underserved populations.