

On March 15, 2024, the Tri-Council for Nursing announced their support for the National Consortium for Health Science Education's National Health Science Standards.

The National Health Science Standards provide educators and students with a comprehensive curriculum framework for health science classes based upon core knowledge transferable to many health professions. The standards are designed to prepare students for postsecondary education or industry work and are developed with guidance from business and industry experts.

"The NCHSE document establishes high school curriculum standards designed to prepare high school health science students with the knowledge and skills needed to successfully transition from high school to nursing education programs," stated a letter published by the Tri-Council for Nursing. "This letter of support acknowledges the potential of these standards to assist students to be aware and competent of what they will need as they explore a career in nursing."

The Tri-Council for Nursing represents nurses in practice, education, and regulation through a longstanding collaboration between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Nurses Association, the American Organization for Nursing Leadership, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and the National League for Nursing.

The National Health Science Standards are accompanied by the National Health Science Certificate, an exam designed to measure and document a student's achievement and aptitude for successful transition into a postsecondary health science program. The standards accessible at no cost to educators and students through the NCHSE website here.

Established in 1991, the National Consortium for Health Science Education is a non-profit organization on a mission to educate the next generation of health science professionals by defining and advancing the framework of health science education, responding to the needs of the healthcare industry, connecting with industry stakeholders contributing to health science education, and shaping the future of healthcare workforce by industry leadership. For more information about NCHSE, or to access the National Health Science Standards, visit our website or call (385) 255-7850.