



Bellflower Unified School District

BUSD Career Technical Education Fact Sheet

By the numbers

- **8:** Introduction to Health Careers classes offered at Bellflower and Mayfair high schools
- **233:** Sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled in the course in fall 2014
- **17:** Health career industries explored during the class

Health Career Pathways Sequence

- **Freshman year:** Health classes include a segment on health careers with visiting speakers from Lakewood Regional Medical Center.
- **Sophomore year:** Introduction to Health Careers, a modular class developed by Paxton/Patterson that offers insights into 17 career pathways: Biomedical Engineering; Biotechnology R&D; Clinical Lab Practices; Dentistry; Emergency Medical Technician; Environmental Health & Safety; Forensics; Health Information Management; Medical Imaging; Mental Health; Nursing; Ophthalmology; Pharmacology; Speech Therapy; Sports Medicine; Therapeutic Services; Veterinary Medicine. The class is currently open to sophomores, juniors and seniors.
- **Junior/Senior Year:** Ten students selected for summer job shadowing of medical professionals at Lakewood Regional Medical Center. Course is offered through the Regional Occupational Program.

Paxton/Patterson

The company was formed when Patterson Brothers Hardware – which supplied East Coast schools with tools and materials for career technical education, merged in 1963 with Paxton Equipment and Supply, a leading supplier of school working programs. Today, Paxton/Patterson provides modular technology education programs along with tools, equipment and supplies for programs in health science, construction, family and consumer science, and STEM.

Bellflower Unified Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

Bellflower Unified offers 23 ROP classes at Bellflower High School, ranging from auto specialization, digital photography and graphic design to engineering design, construction technology and robotics. Mayfair High School is home to four programs, including graphic design and sports and retail marketing. Somerset High School offers two classes in Microsoft Office skills.

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Standard of Excellence - Nothing Less

Bellflower Unified School District provides a pathway for all students to attain the expertise and develop skills of academic excellence that will empower them to become lifelong active learners, demonstrate respect for themselves and others in a dynamic, diverse and global society, become responsible, informed, productive, independent and contributing citizens, and perform successfully in their chosen field and in society.