

HOCT Program Introduced

DICKINSON—Health Occupations Cooperative Training is being offered for the first time at Dickinson High School this year. HOCT is a special vocational program designed to prepare high school seniors and juniors for a career in health related vocations such as dental assistant, medical assistant, medical laboratory assistant, medical records technician assistant, operating room technician, nurse aide, occupational therapy aide, orderly, orthopedic appliance mechanic, physical therapy aide, ward clerk and X-ray technician assistant.

Mrs. Janet Hayes, a registered nurse, is the teacher-coordinator who will establish training stations with various employers offering health services in and around Dickinson. Participating senior students who are sixteen years old attend regular classes in the morning, including a class with Mrs. Hayes, and work part time in the afternoon. The part-time employment gives the student an opportunity to learn practical skills in the health related fields in coordination with classroom studies. Individualized study is emphasized for each student in the class. There will be approximately twelve senior students this year.

Junior students who are interested in health-related fields may enroll in Health Occupations Laboratory. These students will meet with Mrs. Hayes for two class periods each day but will not be placed out in a work station until their senior year. These

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