



Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences

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School and Community Information

Opened in August of 2021, Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences is an innovative, healthcare-focused high school that is designed especially for students interested in careers in the medical/healthcare industry. GECMS is a collaborative effort among Gaston County Schools, Gaston College, Belmont Abbey College, and CaroMont Health, to develop a future workforce to meet the growing demand for healthcare professionals in Gaston County.

Students have an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree and/or diploma in preparation for a career in the medical/healthcare field. Pathways include nursing, health information technology, human services technology, and pre-medicine/biotechnology sciences. In addition to high school and college-level coursework, students participate in job shadowing experiences and gain hands-on learning in real-world settings through CaroMont Health, conduct undergraduate research, and prepare themselves for post-secondary education and/or going directly into the workforce.

<u>Graduation Requirements</u>		<u>Grading Scale</u>			
		<u>Grade</u>	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>College</u>
English	4 credits	90-100 (A)	4.0	4.5	5.0
Social Studies	4 credits	80-89 (B)	3.0	3.5	4.0
Math	4 credits	70-79 (C)	2.0	2.5	3.0
Science	3 credits	60-69 (D)	1.0	1.5	2.0
Health and PE	1 credit	59 and under (F)	0	0	0
Electives	12 credits				

28 credits required to graduate

High School Courses Offered

English 1, 2, 3, 4 honors only, College Prep Writing honors (elective)

Math 1, 2, 3, 4 honors only

World History honors, Civics honors, American History honors, Financial Literacy honors

Earth/Env. Science honors, Biology honors, Chemistry honors, Research Methods honors (elective)

Spanish 1 and 2

College Courses Offered

Students take college courses based on their chosen pathways which vary. Students earn between 64-76 college credit hours to complete their associates degrees in addition to 28 high school credits.