



Example Student Experience: Meet Michael

During the summer after his 10th grade year, Michael participates in the Healthcare Youth Pathways to Employment (HYPE) Summer Academy Program. As part of the program, he gains hands-on experience in a clinical setting, engaging in a structured curriculum designed to expose him to various healthcare careers. Throughout his four-week summer experience, he earns \$16 per hour.

As a CMS 8th grader, Michael participates in the Medical Detectives program to learn about healthcare career tracks and the Hawthorne Academy early college model.

Michael applies to Hawthorne Academy through CMS' School Choice Lottery.

Michael enters the health sciences early college as part of a cohort of 100 students, focusing on high school level courses for his 9th grade year.

Engaging in onsite observations at Atrium Health facilities like Carolinas Medical Center, Michael meets healthcare professionals and explores various healthcare careers.

In the summer following his 9th grade year, Michael begins college-level courses at Carolinas College, eventually attending lectures in the Pearl. He interacts with medical students and industry professionals, solidifying his passion for a healthcare career.

Michael meets his Carolinas College student success coordinator, who provides valuable insights into the college experience. Michael begins to learn more about the early college pathways that he will choose his junior year.

During the fall of his 11th grade year, and in consultation with his student success coordinator and Hawthorne Academy's early college advisor, Michael declares his major. Michael has chosen the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.

After his 11th grade year, a paid summer internship at Levine Children's Hospital further inspires Michael. He discovers his passion for working with children, solidifying his dream of becoming a pediatric RN. He is making \$18.50 an hour during his 8-week internship experience.

Michael gains invaluable experience during his rotations for his CNA certification during his senior year, reinforcing his dedication to a nursing career.

Michael graduates with his high school diploma **and** Associate of Science in General Studies! Following graduation, Michael enrolls in Carolinas College to begin his coursework toward his Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and RN Licensure.

Michael graduates from Carolinas College with his RN Licensure and begins his dream job as a full-time nurse at Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital! He has doubled his income and is now making \$80k a year.

Michael's car breaks down, making it difficult for him to commute to work. He works with his designated Career Coach through the Pathways to Healthcare program at Atrium Health to arrange transportation for his work and school commitments while his car undergoes repairs.

Michael joins other students from his cohort in the Atrium Health Pathways to Healthcare program. He is placed in a part-time position at Carolinas Medical Center, working as a CNA while continuing his classes at Carolinas College. He is currently making \$20 an hour.