

Collaborations in Pre-Health Care Education Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2024; 9 am in room 7110

Present: Susan Pearson, Theresa Shane, Cynthia Schauer, Lauren Prister, Joanna Pozzuto, Taylor Birkholz, Amy Longcore, Kelly Digby, Dee Loucks, Chris Pruis, Kristi Tullis

- A. Discuss this article: <https://www.chalkbeat.org/2024/07/23/learning-loss-is-especially-acute-for-middle-schoolers-in-reading-and-math/>

The article states that even kids who were not in school during the pandemic are academically behind.

We had a discussion about the demands of the health professions and bringing the students to meet the expectations of empathy, professionalism, and accountability. Many issues were discussed and their causes were explored.

We will invite Louis Thomas to a meeting on October 18 at 9 AM to discuss the potential for a health careers focused Valley Advantage program.

- B. Consider ways to celebrate/support those admitted to the programs,

The pre-req instructors have a list of newly admitted students to the health careers programs and we will be sending emails of support to them throughout the semester.

- C. Review the grading scale changes in pre-reqs

All science pre-req classes now use the same grading scale

- D. The group reviewed the poster Amy sent. We will have it printed.

- E. The group decided February 26, 2025 would be the best date for the Networking Event