

## Take Your College Prerequisites with the STEP Program

The STEP (Success Through Educational Preparation) program was designed to help healthcare workers complete the core sciences with the highest possible grade point average in order to improve their chances of acceptance into nursing and allied health programs. The STEP program supports participants through a single class each semester, paying for tuition, fees and books

### Building a Foundation

We have found that the order in which prerequisite classes are taken can make a real difference in the grades achieved. Our goal is to lay a strong foundation in English and math before moving into the sciences.

- We begin with English. The Education Fund supports students at all levels through Freshman Composition. Where you start depends on your college assessment scores or previous college coursework.
- Next comes a series of math classes, up through Intermediate Algebra. Algebra is followed directly by Chemistry, which will utilize the math knowledge the student has accumulated in prior semesters.
- Students then move through the core sciences – Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology.

The exact sequence of classes varies from college to college. Some colleges may have additional science requirements, such as biology or introductory chemistry, which we will support. **New applicants can join the STEP program at any point, provided that they have taken (or assessed out of) the previous course work.**

Sample Schedule – STEP Series	
Semester	Class
1	Preparatory English
2	College English
3	Pre-Algebra
4	Elementary Algebra
5	Intermediate Algebra
6	Chemistry
7	Anatomy
8	Physiology
9	Microbiology

Exactly which English and math classes each student takes is determined either by the college assessment or by prior college course work.

## Student Support

- We can connect students to tutors for most classes, either by providing dedicated Education Fund tutors for math and science classes where we have a group of students, or helping students access tutoring at colleges where we don't.
- Each school is assigned an Education Fund counselor who provides student support services and maintains ongoing communication between the student and the Education Fund. Students are expected to check in regularly with their counselor.
- Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology or Microbiology will usually be preceded by a short (24 hour) bridge class which will prepare students for success in their class. Bridge classes give students the big picture, so that it's easier to work with the detailed information once the actual class begins.

## Two Ways to Access STEP

<u>Sponsored Classes</u> Education Fund has purchased an entire class, or part of one section, solely for our students. Classes are scheduled in the evenings or on weekends		<u>Self- Registration*</u> Flexibility of choosing a class which fits your personal schedule and academic level.
The Education Fund will register you. You will have to obtain a student ID number.	<b>Registration</b>	You will register for the section of the course through the college's regular registration process. We will walk you through the process of enrolling and registering. <b>Since classes fill early, it is important that you register at the first available opportunity, even if you have not yet submitted your application to us.</b>
<b>PAID</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>PAID</b>
<b>PAID</b>	<b>Books</b>	<b>PAID</b>
<b>PAID</b>	<b>Parking</b>	<b>PAID</b>

\* The colleges **HAVE NOT** guaranteed the Education Fund seats in these classes

For more information, call us at 888-872-4606. We highly recommend that you speak with one of our Career Counselors if you are unsure about your career goal, have questions about what classes to start with, or have concerns about beginning or returning to college.