



SEIU UHW - WEST & JOINT EMPLOYER

EDUCATION FUND

Need Prerequisites for Nursing and Allied Health Programs?

Join the Ed Fund's STEP Program

STEP students build a strong academic foundation and achieve higher grades in the core science classes. *Why? What's the STEP advantage?*

STEP students receive:

- Free college credit courses, and textbooks
- Professional career counseling
- Dedicated tutors for most classes
- Academic support

The series begins with English and Algebra, then takes students through the sequence of science classes necessary for entry into nursing, technical and other allied health programs. (See back for details)



STEP INTO YOUR FUTURE

Look for the STEP classes nearest you in our next Catalog. **Sign up** to receive

our Catalog or

Apply Online at

www.seiu-uhweduc.org

For more information call

1.888.872.4606 Toll Free

Am I Eligible for the STEP Program? Yes! If you:

- Work in a participating SEIU bargaining unit position for a contributing employer
- Are a regular full- or part-time employee eligible for benefits
- Have completed your initial probationary period
- Have completed college and Education Fund prerequisites for the classes

Why STEP?

Entrance into nursing and allied health programs has become much more competitive in recent years. It's not enough to pass the required prerequisite classes. Grades matter. In 2009, 89% of those who started a STEP class with the Ed Fund completed it successfully. Of those who completed, 82% received a grade of "B" or higher.

How does STEP help students excel in the core sciences of Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology?

- First, we help students by putting the classes in a logical sequence that builds basic skills in reading and math BEFORE they tackle the sciences.
- Ed Fund counselors talk with each student and work out a written Education Plan to help them reach their goals, then stay in touch with them throughout each class.
- We provide a dedicated tutor for most classes.
- We provide a bridge class before each of the science classes (provided we have at least five students in the class). The bridge helps students brush up on the particular skills that will be called on in the class, and provides a "big picture" overview, so that students can take in the details when they are presented in class.

The exact sequence of classes varies, depending on the requirements of the school. But a typical step series looks like this:

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

Students who have already taken some of the classes in the series can apply to take only the classes they need. The Education Fund offered STEP classes at 27 community colleges in the fall of 2009. Not every class is offered each semester in all locations, so check our catalog or the listing of classes on our web site, www.seiu-uhweduc.org.