



HEALTHCARE ISSUES EXAM

- Purpose:** To encourage Health Science students to investigate, analyze and apply their knowledge of current healthcare-related issues.
- Description of Event:** This event shall be in the form of a 50 item multiple choice test and one essay question that will be graded only to break a tie. All questions will be written at a level to measure thinking skills. Competitors will have **1 hour** to complete the test.
- Dress Code:** Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire. Five bonus points will be awarded for proper dress.
- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA in good standing in the category in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate). Each state will be allowed to enter any qualified HOSA member, based on the following formula: total competitors per state not to exceed 25% of the number of that state's previous year's NLC student delegates. (Example: a state with 40 student delegates at the 2011 NLC could enter a maximum of 10 students in this event in 2012.)
 2. The test shall be developed from the National HOSA test item bank. No illustrations will be used as test items.
 3. One essay question will be administered with the original test. In case of a tie, the essay question will be graded and used to break the tie.
 4. One section of this event will be scheduled for secondary and one for postsecondary/collegiate. The test will be the same for each level. Competitor numbers will be pre-assigned.
 5. The official references for the selection of questions will be:
 - *USA Today*
 - CBS News Healthwatch <http://www.cbsnews.com> – click on “Health”
 - Kaiser Permanente News Releases and Spotlight stories : National <http://xnet.kp.org/newscenter/>
 6. The State test will cover information from July 1, 2011 – February 1, 2012. The National test at the NLC will cover information from July 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012.
 7. All competitors shall report to the site of the event at the time designated. At this time, they will receive a test set, check their number and level on the print-out, take the test, recheck responses, and hand the completed test to the chairperson. Competitors must leave as soon as they submit their test. There will be a maximum of 1 hour to complete the examination.
 8. SCHEDULE NOTE: This test is given very early on the first day of the conference. Make-up tests will not be scheduled for late competitors. Event logistics are such that only competitors who are registered for this event and are present to take the scheduled test will be accommodated.

- 9. Competitors from both divisions who score in the top 10% will be recognized at the HOSA National Leadership Conference with a certificate. Gold, silver and bronze medals are not awarded for this and other recognition events at the national level.
- 10. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the **"General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Events Program."**

Required Personnel (Per Section): No sections within levels.

- 1. One Event Manager
- 2. One Section Leader
- 3. Proctors (appropriate number to monitor testing)
- 4. One-two event assistants per section

Facilities, Equipment, and Materials (Per Section):

- 1. One room to accommodate the total of number of competitors
- 2. Tables/chairs, tablet arm chairs, or schoolroom desks/chairs for the total number of competitors
- 3. Table/chairs for event personnel to provide for registration and materials distribution
- *** 4. Number 2 lead pencils with erasers brought to the event by the competitor.
- 5. Pre-numbered test packets with Scantron answer forms
- 6. Scantron machine
- 7. Answer keys
- *** 8. Print copy of the event guidelines for the event orientation

*** To be brought to the event by the competitors.

Event Flow Chart

