



*Florida-Health Occupations Students of America  
State Leadership Conference  
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Orlando, FL*

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Dear Healthcare Facility/Organization Staff,

My name is Alisha Kellett, a teacher and advisor at Deltona High School in West Volusia County. This school year the Florida State Association of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) has scheduled our State Conference for April 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Orlando at the Double Tree Hotel (across from Universal Studios-Orlando). It is because of this student-run organization HOSA that I am contacting you for any assistance that you may be able to provide, as I am the judge coordinator for the conference.

Living as a resident in the Volusia County area, I have had the opportunity of reviewing the Orlando area health care agencies for possible conference assistance. I am contacting you to see if you, and/or any of your company's employees, have an interest in volunteering a little bit of their time for the future of health-care professionals. Students from across the State of Florida are currently practicing their speeches, refining their specialty skills, and putting the last minute touches on their projects that they will be presenting at their local competitions in January and February, in hopes of making it to the State Conference in April.

If you are able to donate a small portion of your time on one of the dates and times listed, you will find the experience extremely rewarding. The two dates which Florida HOSA is in need of your "expertise" are Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. The competition areas and times on Friday include the Recognition events, Teamwork events, Career Health Division-Middle School events, and Leadership event categories. The competitive areas and times on Saturday include Health Professions events, Emergency Preparedness events, and Health Science-Spelling Bee categories.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find "basic" descriptions of the 55-plus events that HOSA members have the opportunity to compete in. At this time, I have numerous openings in many of the events, as we are just beginning the judge acquisition process. Florida HOSA would greatly appreciate your support in making this event something to remember for our members; and even yourself. As a judge, you will have interaction with Florida HOSA members from across the State and a real perspective on what the future holds in health care. There is also availability of setting up a booth at the conference to promote your business, should you desire.

Should you decide to volunteer as a judge for this event, a formal letter from our State Advisor will be sent to you with specific detail regarding event assignment, date(s), time(s), directions to hotel, where to park when you arrive on location, where to sign in as a judge, etc. The letters are typically mailed, or e-mailed, out approximately 2 weeks prior to the actual event.

Thank you for considering the opportunity of volunteering as a Judge for the Florida HOSA 2010 State Conference. For more information about HOSA and the opportunities that it offers students, please visit the National HOSA website ([www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org)) or the Florida HOSA website ([www.flhosa.org](http://www.flhosa.org)) for details. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. You can easily contact me via e-mail (preferred) at [adkellet@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:adkellet@volusia.k12.fl.us) or by telephone at (386) 575-4153 ext. 44082. I look forward to hearing from you, or meeting you, at the 2010 Florida State Leadership Conference!

Sincerely,

*Alisha Kellett*  
SLC Judge Coordinator

# 2010 Competitive Event Descriptions

## Leadership Events (Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 4:30-9:00pm)

**Extemporaneous Health Poster** Judges with art, graphic arts, marketing or similar skills evaluate artistic posters that interpret a health-related topic.

**Extemporaneous Speaking** Judges evaluate public speaking skills.

**Extemporaneous Writing** Healthcare and English language experts are needed to judge the written essays in this event.

**Interviewing Skills** Judges rate students who participate in a mock job interview for a healthcare position. THIS IS A SPECIAL NEEDS EVENT: Students in this event compete only against other special needs students.

**Job Seeking Skills** Judges rate students who participate in a mock job interview for a healthcare position.

**Medical Photography** Judges rate three digital photographs which competitors have taken which illustrate three different careers in health profession.

**Prepared Speaking** Judges evaluate public speaking skills.

**Researched Persuasive Speaking** Judges evaluate either a written research paper or a persuasive speech as part of this event.

**Speaking Skills** Judges evaluate public speaking skills. THIS IS A SPECIAL NEEDS EVENT: Students compete only against other special needs students.

## Teamwork Events (Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 11:30am-4:00pm except Biomedical Debate begins at 10am)

**Biomedical Debate** Health professionals are needed to judge either a preliminary round or an actual debate. Teams will debate on an annual topic.

**Career Health Display** Healthcare professionals judge a display and oral presentation related to a health career from a pair of competitors.

**Community Awareness** Judges evaluate a project carried out by a HOSA chapter to inform their community about a health issue. A team of judges either evaluates a written notebook documenting the chapter's efforts, or an oral presentation by a team of chapter members.

**Creative Problem Solving** Competitors are given a real or hypothetical health problem, and must apply the problem solving process to propose a solution to a panel of judges.

**Forensic Medicine** This new event requires a great deal of problem-solving and knowledge of anatomy and physiology, both in life and in death. The guidelines include a sample case study that HOSA members must problem solve.

**Health Education** Health Educators or other health professionals judge a videotape of students delivering a health-related lesson, or they interview the students to evaluate the planning, delivery and evaluation of the lesson.

**HOSA Bowl** Health professionals are needed to judge team answers to medical terminology and related questions in this "College Bowl" format.

**Medical Reading** Health professionals evaluate competitor responses to questions from medically-related and leadership books.

**Parliamentary Procedure** Judges must be well-educated on the proper leadership skills needed to run an official business meeting in a simulated atmosphere.

**Public Service Announcement** The Public Service Announcement event was developed by Florida HOSA and is now being implemented as a regular event. Teams will create a Public Service Announcement in digital format.

## Recognition Events (Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 9:00am-12:00pm)

**Outstanding HOSA Chapter** Judges will score scrapbooks which highlight the chapters activities throughout the year.

**Chapter Newsletter** Each chapter can submit a newsletter that indicates what activities and events their members have participated in during the year.

## Middle School Division (Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 9:00am-5:00pm)

### **Category 1 Events (2:30pm-5:00pm)**

Extemporaneous Writing, Medical Spelling, and Medical Terminology

### **Category 2 Events (12:30pm-3:00pm)**

Career Health Display, Extemporaneous Health Poster, First Aid/Rescue Breathing

### **Category 3 Events (9:30am-12:00pm)**

Prepared Speaking, Job Seeking Skills, Creed Contest

### **Health Science Events (Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 11:00am-12:30pm)**

**Medical Spelling** Health care professionals are needed to pronounce complex medical terms and judge the competitors on their accuracy in spelling those terms.

**Dental Spelling** Dental care professionals are needed to pronounce complex dental terms and judge the competitors on their accuracy in spelling those terms.

### **Health Professions Events (Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 8:00am- 1:30pm; Clinical Specialty begins at 10:00am)**

**Medical Assisting** Medical assistants are needed to judge competitors as they perform two or more of the following procedures: Telephone techniques, transcribe progress notes, complete insurance form, alphabetical filing, patient information data entry and coding, as well as wrapping items for autoclave, obtain medical history, vital signs, infant weight and length, position and drape, and sterile gloving.

**Biotechnology** HOSA's new Biotechnology event will have a health care focus, and will help introduce HOSA members to the exciting opportunities available in this growing career field. The event begins this year with four skills, and more skills will be added in future years.

**Clinical Nursing** Nurses are needed as the competitors perform procedures in at least 2 of the following skill areas: intramuscular and subcutaneous medication administration, tracheostomy care, changing sterile dressing, and straight urethral catheterization.

**Clinical Specialty** Health professionals are needed to judge this event where competitors select the health career of their choice – then develop career-related skills, knowledge and work-based experience. Judges evaluate a videotape of a skill or interview the student.

**Dental Assisting** Dental professionals are needed to judge competitors as they perform two or more dental assisting skills.

**Home Health Aide** Home Health Aide is the single fastest growing occupation in America. Most of the skills in the event are taught in the Health Science classroom, and competitors will find that adapting skills to the care of clients in the home can be an interesting and challenging opportunity.

**Med Laboratory Assisting** Medical laboratory professionals are needed to judge competitors as they perform two or more of the following procedures: Venipuncture, microhematocrit, urinalysis, and bacteriology.

**Nursing Assisting** Nurses are needed to judge competitors as they perform two or more of the following procedures: Handwashing, bedmaking, positioning, transferring, vital signs, and prep of patient for a meal.

**Personal Care** Nurses are needed to judge competitors as they perform two or more of the following procedures: Handwashing, bedmaking, positioning, transferring, and TPR. THIS IS A SPECIAL NEEDS EVENT: Students are held to an acceptable standard of care, but compete only against other special needs students.

**Physical Therapy** Physical Therapists or PT Assistants are needed to judge competitors as they perform two or more of the following procedures: Ambulating with a walker, adjusting crutches, range of motion, ice pack application and gaits.

**Sports Medicine** Certified athletic trainers are needed to judge competitors as they perform procedures common to the career field.

**Veterinary Assisting** Veterinarians or Veterinary Technicians judge competitors as they perform two or more of the following procedures: Position and prepare animal for surgery, restrain for venipuncture, chart a preliminary physical, perform canine CPR, apply gauze muzzle restraint, and prep for a surgical procedure.

### **Emergency Preparedness Events (Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 8:00am-1:00pm)**

**CPR/First Aid** Judges for this event must be ARC First Aid instructors or American Heart Association Instructors, or EMTs, or Paramedics, or RNs with emergency certification.

**First Aid/Rescue Breathing** Emergency care professionals are needed to judge competitors as they perform first aid and rescue breathing. THIS IS A SPECIAL NEEDS EVENT: Students in this event compete only against other special needs students.

**CERT** The CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) event is designed to introduce two-member teams to the skills needed to respond to their community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster, when emergency services are not immediately available. The resources needed to prepare are online and in the community. Additional skills will be added in the future.

**Emergency Medical Technician** Professionals with experience as a EMT will judge competitors as they perform skills in the area of patient assessment, airway/oxygen/ventilation skills, immobilization and splinting, control of bleeding, and cardiac arrest.

**Epidemiology** A test and case study about the effects of health and disease in populations, as well as careers in public health.

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness** Competitors work as a team to plan and teach others about public health emergencies.

**Medical Reserve Partnership** Competitors work as a team to plan and create a partnership with the Medical Reserve Corps.

