

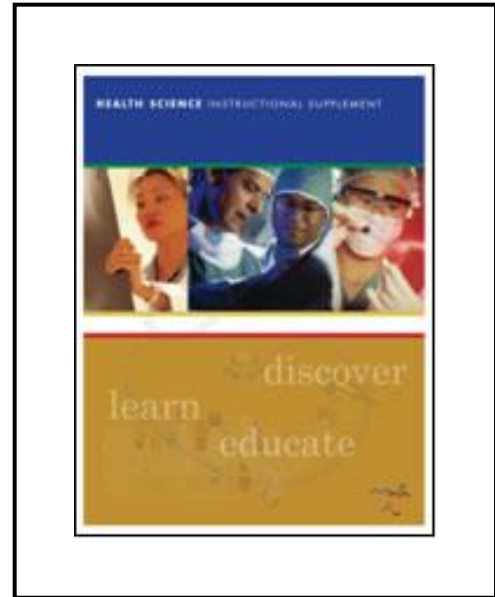


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Partnership Launches Health Science Instructional Supplements

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At a time when funding and resources are compromised, the National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) is committed to pushing forward to support and strengthen health science education nationwide. In partnership with CreativEd Services, the National Consortium for Health Science Education is pleased to announce the launch of ***Health Science Instructional Supplements*** to support health science teachers in the alignment of classroom instruction to the National Healthcare Foundation Standards.



This supplement is based on the National Healthcare Skill Standards and accountability criteria. The accountability criteria for each foundation standard define the expectations for meeting the standard; provide content for curriculum design and measurement of achievement. An online national assessment of the National Healthcare Foundation Standards assessment is offered by the NCHSE.

These health science instructional materials are designed as a resource supplement, to be used in conjunction with state curriculum resources, plans, and outlines; as well as textbooks and the resources that accompany those textbooks. The supplements are not designed to "stand alone," but rather to provide resources that complement the instructional tools that teachers are already using.

The actual content (information) that describes and explains essential facts and explanations can be found in textbooks. These supplemental materials are designed to focus more on:

- ***Connections to the foundation standards***
- ***Higher-level instructional activities***
- ***Student-centered instruction with an emphasis on teamwork***
- ***Authentic assessment using rubrics***
- ***Test items aligned to the National Healthcare Foundation Standards and Accountability Criteria***

“What makes this product so exciting,” says Carole Stacy, NCHSE Executive Director, “is that we expect these supplements will enhance the delivery of the standards, provide critical thinking, problem-solving student-centered activities and projects, and support instructional quality. It’s a breakthrough for us to have a product that aligns closely with the assessment.”