

Health Careers

Career	Average Salary	Years in Higher Education	Job Outlook	Job Description
Athletic Trainer (Certified)	\$55,036	5-6	Excellent	Under the direction of a physician, practices prevention, emergency care, first aid, treatment or physical rehabilitation of injuries incurred by athletes in the manner necessary to effect care and/or rehabilitation.
Audiologist	\$61,000-\$96,000	8	Excellent	Provide several services including: Evaluating hearing, counseling patients and their families and caregivers, fitting hearing aids, evaluating and treating balance disorders, determining an individual's need for assistive devices, and teaching communication strategies, including speech reading.
Behavioral Science/Health Education	\$33,000-\$86,000	6-9	Excellent	Help to improve public health by encouraging healthy lifestyles through behavior change and educational outreach, develop programs for prescription adherence in the elderly population, educating young people to recognize and avoid the risky behavior of unprotected sex, alcohol, and drug use, etc.
Case Manager	\$73,480	3-5	Excellent	Assesses patient's psycho-social needs, develops, and implements treatment plans, provides professional social services to patients and families, counsels patients and families regarding therapies, reviews and modifies treatment plans as needed, performs interventions according to treatment plans and organizational policies, and much more.
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	\$29,460	Certificate- <1 Year	Excellent	Performs tasks with assisting nursing duties in caring for patients, including psychiatric and rehabilitative patients. Performs direct and inpatient car activities according to established policies and procedures, observes and reports changes in patient conditions and maintains a safe and clean patient and environment. For home services, may travel to patient home to render services. State certification required.
Chiropractor	\$90,000	7-8	Excellent	Treats patients with health problems of the neuromusculoskeletal system, which includes nerves, bones, muscles, ligaments, and tendons. Uses spinal adjustments and manipulation, as well as other clinical interventions, to manage patient's health concerns.
Clinical Nurse Specialist	\$65,000-\$110,000	6-10	Excellent	Provide direct patient care, serve as expert consultants for nursing staffs and taken an active role in improving health care delivery systems. Often work in management positions and may also develop or work with a team to develop policies and procedures.
Clinical Laboratory Technologist	\$25,000-\$85,000	2-4	Excellent	Collect samples and perform tests to analyze body fluids, tissue, and other substances. Operates sophisticated laboratory equipment, such as microscopes and cell centers. Logs data from medical tests and enters results into a patient's medical record and discusses the results and findings of laboratory test and procedures with physicians.

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Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	\$28,000-\$87,000	2-4	Very Good	Performs ultrasound procedures for adult and pediatric patients for the purpose of diagnosis and/or treatment of anatomic and physiologic disorders. Uses sound waves at high frequencies to produce high-resolution images so physicians can clearly see muscles, internal organs, and joints, providing more accuracy when determining a patient's condition and course of treatment
Dietitian Nutritionist	\$63,700	4-5	Excellent	Instructs individuals and groups in the application of nutrition principles. Manages nutritional care of assigned patients/residents through use of assessment and diagnostic tools. Utilizes food service systems to maintain quality patient and therapeutic services.
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	\$31,020	2	Excellent	Provides emergency first aid to persons for whom an ambulance is summoned and continues such care in route to the medical facility.
Epidemiologist	\$38,000-\$136,000	6-9	Excellent	Scientists that study diseases within populations of people. They investigate and describe the determinants and distribution of disease, disability, or health outcomes. Also, may develop means for prevention and control.
Genetic Counselor	\$91,318	6	Excellent	Assess individual or family risk for a variety of inherited conditions, such as genetic disorders and birth defects.
Health Information Management	\$73,370	1-2	Excellent	Organize and manage health information data, ensure that the information maintains its quality, accuracy, accessibility, and security in both paper files and electronic systems, manage and organize medical data, ensuring the accuracy and the security of them.
Health Information Technology	\$42,630	3-5	Excellent	Directs the information systems activities for the organization. Establishes and implements comprehensive long and short-term work schedules, establishes standards and systems requirements for the organization, responsible for the timely preparation and distribution of business reports and the integrity and security of the information systems.
Home Health Aide	\$21,829	Certificate - < 1 Year	Excellent	Assists patients with personal care and limited household duties under the supervision of an RN.
Hospital Administrator	\$118,000	Masters-5+ Years	Excellent	Directs the administration of a hospital including budget preparation and financial reporting, establishes rates for services provided by the facility and prepares capital improvement initiatives, develops policies and procedures for the facility, and directs activities of medical, nursing, and administrative staffs.

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Infection Control Practitioner	\$67,420	Masters-5+ Years	Excellent	Responsible for disease prevention in hospitals and healthcare facilities. Requires knowledge of epidemiology and application of public health practices in an acute care hospital environment.
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	\$31,440	1	Very Good	Responsible for carrying out patient care in accordance with physicians' orders under the guidance and direction of the registered nurse in charge. For home services, may travel to patient home to render services.
Medical Assistant	\$30,548	1-2	Excellent	Complete administrative and clinical tasks in the offices of physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities. Duties vary with the location, specialty, and size of the practice.
Medical Librarian	\$65,000	6-10	Excellent	Specializes in using databases and reference materials to conduct research for medical information.
Medical Records Clerk	\$42,430	1-2	Excellent	Maintains files of medical records and performs other clerical duties as required, ensures proper maintenance of patient charts/records, works in compliance with guidelines for release of information, files and receives medical records in appropriate files, maintaining files in a fashion which is conducive to rapid retrieval of records.
Medical Transcriptionist	\$35,250	1-2	Excellent	Transcribes medical dictation, regardless of medical specialty, using a personal computer or word processor and have strong knowledge of medical terminology.
Nurse Practitioner	\$102,526	6-8	Good	Serves as an advanced practice nurse that provides the primary level of care in collaboration with physicians and other members of the health care team to a specific patient population in the outpatient and/or inpatient setting., maintains an advanced knowledge base and skills in health promotion and maintenance, disease prevention, physical and psychosocial assessment, and management of health and illness in health care of individuals.
Occupational Therapist	\$80,000	6-8	Excellent	Evaluates task performance skills, plans and implements programs designed to restore the patient's abilities, provides consultation to physicians and others regarding appropriateness of referral to occupational therapy, documents patient treatment and progress for third party payors, educates the patient and others regarding occupational therapy treatment procedures, supervises assistants, aides and volunteers and participates in various projects and committees.
Occupational Therapy Aide	\$29,040	0-2	Excellent	Performs routine therapy under supervision of occupational therapist.

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Pharmacist	\$126,120	6-8	Good	Provides clinical pharmacy services to include therapeutic drug monitoring, drug regimen review, patient education, medical staff interaction, and staff under general direction of the Pharmacy Director or clinical coordinator, reviews and interprets prescriptions to ensure safety, efficacy and appropriateness, contacts and confers with physicians regarding any irregularities, and maintains compliance with all regulatory requirements.
Pharmacy Technician	\$30,410	1-2	Excellent	Under Supervision of a pharmacist, fills dose orders and maintains records of patient's use as well as more complex duties as provided by certification, assists in sterilization of injectable preparation, storing of substances under proper conditions of refrigeration and security, pouring liquid into containers or spooning salves into containers.
Phlebotomist	\$25,000-\$30,000	2-4	Excellent	Under general supervision and following established procedures, obtains venous and capillary blood specimens needed for laboratory tests, transports and delivers lab specimens to specialized laboratory areas, and verifies and enters patient I.D. information on specimen labels.
Physical Therapist	\$83,999	6-7	Excellent	Administers therapeutic treatments utilizing physical agents, biomechanical and neurophysiological principles and assistive devices in relieving pain, restoring maximum functions and preventing disability following disease or injury, provides direct supervision of support personnel and students, evaluates patients and develops patient care plans, provides direct patient care, documents all pertinent information, and educates patients and others regarding the treatment plan and procedures.
Physical Therapy Assistant (Certified)	\$45,000	2	Excellent	Works under direct supervision of a physical therapist while administering therapeutic treatments, carries out patient care programs to progress the patients through the program until re-evaluation by the physical therapist, assists the physical therapist in evaluations, tests, and complicated treatments, reports patient progress and changes in status to referring physician and physical therapist, and participates in quality assurance activities and various projects.
Physician	\$222,100	Doctorate-3-5 Years	Excellent	Hospitalist-Examine, diagnoses, and treats hospitalized patients, manages patients through the continuum of hospital care, seeing patients in the emergency room and following them into critical care unit and organizing post-acute care, orders treatments, tests, and consults with specialty physicians and primary care physician where appropriate. ER Physician-an employee of the hospital and shall be responsible for the clinical needs of the patients presenting to the emergency department for treatment, works with and is assisted by the clinical nursing staff within the department as well as the paraprofessionals, secretaries, receptionists, and paramedics, assumes medical control for every call from every paramedic and ambulance service who contacts the hospital for clinical direction and management of patients, and responsible for carrying out the quality assurance program and review of quality care rendered within the department.
Physician Assistant	\$112,000	6-7	Good	Provides health care services to patients under the direction and responsibility of a physician, may conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive care, assist in surgery and write prescriptions.

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Pulmonologist	\$200,000	Medical School- 5+ Years	Excellent	An internal medicine physician that specializes in preventing, diagnosing, and treating conditions and diseases that affect the lungs, bronchial tubes, and the respiratory system, conditions related to the lungs can also directly affect the chest and therefore pulmonologists must also be trained in diagnosing and treating diseases such as asthma, emphysema, tuberculosis, and pneumonia.
Radiation Therapist	\$72,400	1-2	Excellent	Administers targeted doses of radiation as prescribed by a radiologist to a patient to treat cancer and other diagnoses, assists in preparing sealed radioactive material, calculates actual treatment dosages, and prepares equipment such as immobilization, treatment, and protection.
Radiologic Technologist	\$62,761	1-4	Excellent	Performs a variety of diagnostic procedures utilizing high-energy magnetic fields according to protocol and age specific needs, including patient preparation, maintains and monitors patient environment, adheres to safety procedures and contributes to the security maintenance of the unit.
Registered Nurse	\$67,490	2-6	Excellent	Renders professional nursing services in the treatment and care of assigned patients in accordance with physicians' orders, provides for the comfort and well-being of patients by assessing condition, providing treatments and administering prescribed drugs and documenting progress and other observations, coordinates nursing care for patients and participates in patient and family teaching, provides leadership by working cooperatively with ancillary nursing and other patient team personnel in maintaining standards for professional nursing practice in the clinical setting.
Respiratory Therapist	\$62,222	2-5	Very Good	Specializes in pulmonary medicine to work therapeutically with people suffering from pulmonary disease and consult with patients to develop a treatment plan and perform various diagnostic tests.
Speech-Language Pathologist	\$60,000- \$71,000	6	Excellent	Diagnoses and evaluates speech and language skills as related to medical, social and psychological factors, plans, directs, or conducts rehabilitative treatment programs to restore communicative efficiency of individuals with communication problems of organic and non-organic etiology, provides counseling and language development therapy, reviews individual file to obtain background information to determine appropriate tests, develops and implements individualized plans for assigned clients to meet individual needs, interests, and abilities, evaluates and monitors individuals using audio-visual equipment, reviews treatment plan and if need modifies or writes new programs, and maintains records as required by law and administrative regulations.
Surgical Technologist	\$44,420	1-2	Excellent	Performs a variety of duties in an operating room to assist the surgical team before, during and after surgical intervention including arranging sterile set up for operation, acting as scrub or circulating assistant and assisting in clean up after the surgery, assists in nursing care and preparation for laboratory analysis, provides appropriate instrumentation, suture and all supplies as requested and provides and maintains a sterile environment.