

Health Career Opportunities for 2000-2010

Occupation	Characteristics	Growth	Personality Traits	Wages	High School Courses	Training
Personal Care Aide/Home Health Aide	Caregiver	one of fastest growing	cheerful, compassionate	\$21,640	science, health, communication	certificate
Emergency Medical Technician	Emergencies	faster than average	think and react quickly	\$23,290	health, emergency skills	1
Surgical Technologists	Clinical Skills	much faster than average	task oriented, communication	\$28,780	science, medical terminology	1
Dental Assistant	Assisting Tasks	much faster than average	details, able to follow instructions	\$30,630	science, health	1 to 2
Health Information Technologist	Record Keeping	much faster than average	details, accuracy	\$23,590	bio, chem, health, computer	1 to 2
Medical Transcriptionists	Administrative/Clinical Tasks	faster than average	detail, good grammar, listening	\$12.15 p/h	English, medical terminology, computers	1 to 2
Occupational Therapist Aide	Rehabilitation	faster than average	strong interpersonal skills	\$28,690	science courses	1 to 2
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	Healthcare	faster than average	attention to detail, sensitivity, teamplayer	\$44,130	sciences, health, communication	1 to 4
Human Service Assistant	Support/Care	much faster than average	non-judgmental, communication	\$28,000	sciences, humanities	2
Medical Assistants	Administrative/Clinical Tasks	much faster than average	administrative, clinical tasks	\$23,680	math, health, bio, typing, computer	2
Physical Therapy Assistant	Exercise	faster than average	physical strength, patience	\$29,870	science, health, communication	2
Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	Healthcare	faster than average	attention to detail, deals well w/ stress	\$33,350	science, technology, health	2 to 4
Clinical Lab Technologists & Technicians	Healthcare	faster than average	analytical skills, works well under pressure	\$40,510	mathematics, sciences	2 to 4
Physician Assistant	Health Care under MD Supervision	faster than average	sensitivity, communication	\$66,200	science, health, communication	2 to 4
Radiologic Technologists	X-rays, imaging	faster than average	love high tech equipment, computers	\$32,670	math, science	2 to 4
Registered Nurses	Healthcare	faster than average	compassionate, desire to help patients	\$40,690	health, chemistry, biology	2 to 4
Respiratory Therapist	Breathing	much faster than average	sensitivity, alert to changes	\$36,830	health, biology, math, chem, physics.	2 to 4
Audiologists	Hearing/Balance	much faster than average	attention to detail, interpretation skills	\$53,080	science, communication	4
Dental Hygienists	Clean Teeth, Prevention	much faster than average	work well with others, manual dexterity	\$60,700	biology, chemistry, mathematics.	4
Occupational Therapist	Rehabilitation	faster than average	patience, strong interpersonal skills	\$60,230	bio., chem., physics, health, art, social sci..	4
Speech-Language Pathologist	Speech	much faster than average	attention to detail, concentration	\$53,080	science, communication	4
Chiropractor	Healthcare, Prevention	faster than average	communication, work well with others	\$67,030	anatomy, health, biochemistry	4 to 5
Physical Therapists	Rehabilitation	faster than average	compassionate, desire to help patients	\$59,600	chemistry, mathematics, physics	4 to 5
Biomedical Engineers	Research	faster than average	analytical skills, works well under pressure	\$57,480	sciences, mathematics, health	4 to 6
Social Workers	Counseling, Rehab	faster than average	communication, maturity, sensitive	\$31,470	psychology, human services, social sciences	4 to 6
Nurse Practitioners	Healthcare	faster than average	compassionate, desire to help patients	\$71,800	biology, chemistry, mathematics.	5 to 6
Biological & Medical Scientists	Research	faster than average	communication, work alone or as a team	\$49,239	mathematics, sciences, computers	6 to 8
Pharmacist	Healthcare	faster than average	attention to detail, communication	\$70,950	science, chemistry, mathematics	6 to 8
Veterinarian	Healthcare, Research	faster than average	communication, compassionate	\$60,910	mathematics, sciences	6 to 8
Physicians	Healthcare	faster than average	compassionate, desire to help patients	\$174,000	biology, chemistry, mathematics.	6 to 8

KEY to categories and symbols above:

OCCUPATION: This term is the name of the category used in the Occupational Outlook Handbook

CHARACTERISTICS: Key word to suggest the nature of the occupation

GROWTH: Rate of growth for this career in the next decade

PERSONALITY TRAITS: Key words to indicate traits employers look for in new employees

WAGES: Median salary of experienced workers, in 2001 dollars

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES: Courses a high school student should emphasize to qualify for the next step of training or education.

TRAINING: Indicates years of training or education needed after the high school diploma

