

Find your perfect career...

Health Care Practitioner/Technician

Are you passionate about helping people and want a job with excellent growth potential?

If so, consider a rewarding career as health care practitioner or technician. Due to the increased need for medical services and a growing number of people over age 60, all levels of health care jobs are in high demand. There are a wide variety jobs to choose from and salaries can be substantial depending on your level of education.

Career Options

Workers in health care provide services related to treating illness, maintaining wellness and managing disease. Many career options are available, including massage therapists, medical and dental assistants, medical technicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, physical therapists, physicians and surgeons, registered nurses and more.

Hiring Outlook

Health care occupations are expected to be the fastest growing sector in the Kansas City metro. Growing 16 percent over the next 10 years, this is two and one-half times faster than average over that period.

Learn More!

For more information about careers in health care, visit KCWorkforce.org.



Salary

Many jobs in the health care industry offer excellent salary and benefits packages. Below are the average wages for several high-demand professions.

CAREER	AVERAGE STARTING WAGE	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE
Dental Assistants	\$22,600	\$36,800
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$33,100	\$40,700
Massage Therapists	\$17,300	\$37,800
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$26,900	\$40,400
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Medical Assistants	\$25,300	\$34,100
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	\$27,300	\$38,700
Nurse Practitioners	\$63,200	\$91,200
Pharmacists	\$95,400	\$117,500
Physical Therapists	\$61,700	\$77,200
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	\$73,500	\$182,700
Registered Nurses	\$47,500	\$63,300

Source: JobsEQ®





Education Programs

There are many education opportunities for students seeking a career in health care. Below are some degree programs offered by KC Scholars postsecondary institutions.

Avila University

- Healthcare Informatics, B.S.
- Healthcare Management, B.S.
- Nursing, B.S.

Baker University

- Health Care Administration, Graduate Certificate
- Nursing, B.S. and M.S.
- Pre-Medicine & Health, B.S.

Donnelly College

- Associate of Science

Johnson County Community College

- Certificate for Nurse Assistant (CNA)
- Dental Hygiene, A.A.S.
- Emergency Medical Technician, Certificate, A.A.S.
- Nursing, A.S.

Kansas City, Kansas, Community College

- Health Care Certificate
- Paramedic, A.A.S.
- Respiratory Care Therapy, A.A.S.

Lincoln University

- Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.

Metropolitan Community College

- Coding Specialist Certificate
- Dental Assistant, Certificate, A.A.S.
- Paramedic, Certificate, A.A.S.
- Physical Therapy, A.A.S.

Park University

- Health Care Administration MHA

Rockhurst University

- Health Care Management, Graduate Certificate
- Physical Therapy, DPT

University of Central Missouri

- Family Nurse Practitioner

University of Kansas

- Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.
- Health Informatics, M.S.
- Health Information Management, B.S.
- Nursing, B.S. and Ph.D.
- Pharmacy, Pharm.D.

University of Missouri - Columbia

- Nursing B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

- Dental Hygiene, B.S.
- Pharmacy, Pharm.D.

Western Governors University

- Business - Healthcare Management, B.S.
- Health Informatics, B.S.
- Nursing, RN to BSN

William Jewell College

- Nursing B.S.

Key Area Health Care Employers

- Children's Mercy Kansas City
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- HCA - The Healthcare Company
- Menorah Medical Center
- Overland Park Regional Medical Center
- Saint Luke's Health System
- Shawnee Mission Health
- St. Joseph Medical Center
- The University of Kansas Health System
- Truman Medical Centers

Source: Wanted Analytics 2017 & Book of Lists 2016-2017

Education Requirements

Most occupations in health care require education beyond high school. In addition to education, some health care occupations require on-the-job training — such as residency, employer-sponsored training or informal training — combined with experience on the job. Other jobs require work experience in a related occupation.

Network of Colleges

KC Scholars works with a network of 17 higher education institutions where scholarship recipients may use their scholarships, match and incentive awards to earn a credit-bearing credential or degree. Learn more at KCScholars.org.