

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

Over the next 10 years KC companies are projected to hire (due to growth and replacement) over 47,000 people.

## Learn More!

For more information about careers in health care, visit [KCWorkforce.org](http://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	\$29,100	\$40,600
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$37,000	\$44,500
Massage Therapists	\$16,900	\$29,800
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$29,100	\$49,000
Medical Assistants	\$26,300	\$33,800
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	\$28,700	\$41,300
Mental Health Counselor	\$24,400	\$42,300
Nurse Practitioners	\$72,600	\$100,900
Pharmacists	\$92,100	\$117,700
Physical Therapists	\$59,100	\$75,700
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	\$81,600	\$234,100
Registered Nurses	\$49,000	\$65,500

Source: JobsEQ®





# Education Programs

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

## **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.

## **Donnelly College**

- Associate of Nursing, Registered Nurse
- Practical Nurse Certificate

## **Johnson County Community College**

- Certified Nurse Aid Certificate
- Dental Hygiene, A.A.S.
- Medical Coding Specialist Certificate
- Nursing, A.S.

## **Kansas City, Kansas, Community College**

- Health Care Certificate
- Nursing A.A.S.
- Practical Nurse Certificate

## **Lincoln University**

- Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.
- Medical Technology, B.S.
- Nursing, A.A.S., B.S.

## **Metropolitan Community College**

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

## **Park University**

- Health Care Administration MHA
- Nursing B.S.

## **Rockhurst University**

- Health Care Management, Graduate Certificate
- Nursing, B.S., M.S.
- Physical Therapy, DPT

## **University of Central Missouri**

- Medical Technology, B.S.
- Nursing B.S., M.S.

## **University of Kansas**

- Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.
- Clinical Research Management, Graduate Certificate
- Health Informatics, M.S.
- Health Information Management, B.S.
- Nursing, B.S. and Ph.D.
- Pharmacy, Pharm.D.
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate

## **University of Missouri - Columbia**

- Health Sciences B.H.S.
- Nursing B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.

## **University of Missouri-Kansas City**

- Bioinformatics, M.S.
- Dental Hygiene, B.S.
- Nursing B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
- Pharmacy, Pharm.D.
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Graduate Certificate

## **Western Governors University**

- Health Informatics, B.S.
- Integrated Care Management, M.S.
- Nursing, 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
- Olathe Health
- 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: JobsEQ 2018 & 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](http://KCScholars.org).