Consider a Career in Health Care

Health care workers work in administration, laboratories, or provide direct patient care, all while helping improve patient health.

Health care workers change the way we live

They...

Diagnose and treat illnesses, pain and injuries

Analyze medical laboratory results and patient activity

Advise patients on how to stay healthy

Comfort patients in need

Maintain patient records
What do Physician Assistants have to say about their work?

“Ever since I was a kid, I’ve enjoyed science and figuring out how the body works. In my work I try to find solutions for patients that make sense to them and are comfortable to them.”

-Julie Chapman, Physician Assistant*

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Starting Salaries begin around $35,000-$65,000 per year for those who have a postsecondary certificate, and up to $230,000 for those who have a master’s degree or doctorate degree and several years of experience.

Health Care occupations are in demand. Employment is expected to grow, with thousands of new jobs being added over the next few years.

Interested in a fast-paced work environment? A job in health care involves:
- Caring for others
- Solving problems
- Analyzing information
- Working in a team
- Continuous learning
- Adapting to new situations
- Making good decisions
- Helping people improve their lives
- Continuous learning
- Making good decisions

Health Care involves:
- Analyzing medical data
- Record patient progress
- Provide care to animals
- Offer nutritional counseling
- Conducting research on illnesses, administering tests, and analyzing lab results

MYTH It’s only about treating patients.
REALITY Conducting research on illnesses, administering tests, and analyzing lab results are part of many Health Care Occupations.

Useful classes to prepare for college...
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Introduction to Health Care
- Health Education
- Safety and First Aid
- Computer Applications
- Food and Nutrition
- Chemistry
- Biology

After high school, here’s the education you’ll need to succeed:

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Learn more about Health Care

- Join a health and science club
- Job shadow someone working in health care
- Take CPR or first aid training offered by local organizations
- Volunteer at a hospital, health clinic, or nursing care facility
- Research careers and find college and training program information on QualityInfo.org in the “Jobs & Careers” and “Training & Education” sections

Looking for more information on STEM occupations? Contact Lmipubs@oregon.gov to order copies of the STEM brochure series, offered for the following occupations:

- Biological Science  
- Computer Information Systems  
- Computer Science  
- Drafting and Surveying  
- Engineering
- Health Care  
- Mathematics  
- Physical Science  
- Social Science

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