

CAREER PATHS IN HEALTH CARE

MASTER'S DEGREE

Nurse Practitioner
\$56.52

Physician Assistant
\$56.34

4-YEAR OR MORE COLLEGE DEGREE AND/OR EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE

Medical and Clinical
Laboratory Technologist
\$27.04

Medical and Health
Services Manager
\$49.05

Mental Health
Counselor
\$23.12

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE* OR POSTSECONDARY NON-DEGREE AWARD**

Radiologic Technologist*
\$32.60

Surgical
Technologist*
\$28.63

Medical Assistant**
\$19.79

Registered Nurse*
\$38.12

Licensed Practical
and Licensed
Vocational Nurse**
\$22.93

Nursing Assistant**
\$16.54

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED / ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Optician, Dispensing
\$18.54

Pharmacy
Technician
\$18.00

These jobs are in demand in the state of Minnesota and these are Minnesota median wages. Data collected from Department of Employment and Economic Development.

WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN HEALTH CARE?

According to DEED's 2014-2024 Employment Outlook data, Southeast Minnesota is projected to see an additional 3,076 new openings for healthcare practitioners and technical occupations, an increase of 13.3 percent, while an additional 1,618 openings in healthcare support are projected, a 14.6 percent increase. In all, projected openings in healthcare make up almost 40 percent of the total job openings projected for this time period. Because of this healthy projected growth, there are many health care-related occupations that currently exist, and will see a future need, at every education level and are also in high demand according to DEED's Occupations in Demand.

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NURSE PRACTITIONER \$56.52 Diagnose and treat acute, episodic or chronic illness, independently or as part of a healthcare team. May focus on health promotion and disease prevention. May order, perform or interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and X rays. May prescribe medication. Must be registered nurses who have specialized graduate education.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT \$56.34 Provide healthcare services typically performed by a physician, under the supervision of a physician. Conduct complete physicals, provide treatment, and counsel patients. May, in some cases, prescribe medication. Must graduate from an accredited educational program for physician assistants.

4-YEAR OR MORE COLLEGE DEGREE AND/OR EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE

MEDICAL AND CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST \$27.04 Perform complex medical laboratory tests for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. May train or supervise staff.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES MANAGER \$49.05 Plan, direct or coordinate medical and health services in hospitals, clinics, managed care organizations, public health agencies or similar organizations.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR \$23.12 Counsel with emphasis on prevention. Work with individuals and groups to promote optimum mental and emotional health. May help individuals deal with issues associated with addictions and substance abuse; family, parenting, and marital problems; stress management; self-esteem; and aging.

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE* OR POSTSECONDARY NON-DEGREE AWARD**

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST* \$32.60 Take X rays and CAT scans or administer nonradioactive materials into patient's blood stream for diagnostic purposes. Includes technologists who specialize in other scanning modalities.

REGISTERED NURSE* \$38.12 Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST* \$28.63 Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

LICENSED PRACTICAL AND LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE \$22.93** Care for ill, injured or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT \$19.79** Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Schedule appointments, maintain medical records, bill and code information for insurance purposes as well as take and record vital signs and medical histories, prepare patients for an exam, draw blood, and administer medications as directed by physician.

NURSING ASSISTANT \$16.54** Provide basic patient care under direction of nursing staff. Feed, bathe, dress, groom or move patients or change linens. May transfer or transport patients. Includes nursing care attendants, nursing aides, and nursing attendants.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED / ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

OPTICIANS, DISPENSING \$18.54 Design, measure, fit, and adapt lenses and frames for client according to written optical prescription or specification. Assist client with inserting, removing, and caring for contact lenses as well as selecting frames. Measure customer for size of eyeglasses and coordinate frames with facial and eye measurements and optical prescription. Prepare work order for optical laboratory containing instructions for grinding and mounting lenses in frames. Verify exactness of finished lens spectacles. Adjust frame and lens position to fit client. May shape or reshape frames.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN \$18.00 Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.