

Did you know...

that you could have a healthcare career without being a nurse or a doctor? In fact, most people in healthcare belong to another group of professionals called allied health providers. These professionals work to deliver high-quality patient care services for the identification, prevention and treatment of diseases, disabilities and disorders. That's a long way of saying that allied health providers work to make sick or injured people healthy and keep them healthy.

There are HUNDREDS of allied health professions and over six million people in allied health jobs! That means that most people in healthcare are not doctors or nurses, but they are...

Allied Health Professionals!



Learn more...

The Health Professions Network is made up of different allied health professional groups. You can learn more about allied health and specific careers in allied health by visiting the Health Professions Network website on the Internet. You can also download more copies of this brochure and print an allied health poster.

The address is:

www.healthpronet.org

You can also explore allied health careers by visiting schools that have allied health educational programs. To find out more about the schools you can visit these websites:

For the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges

www.NN2.org

For the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions

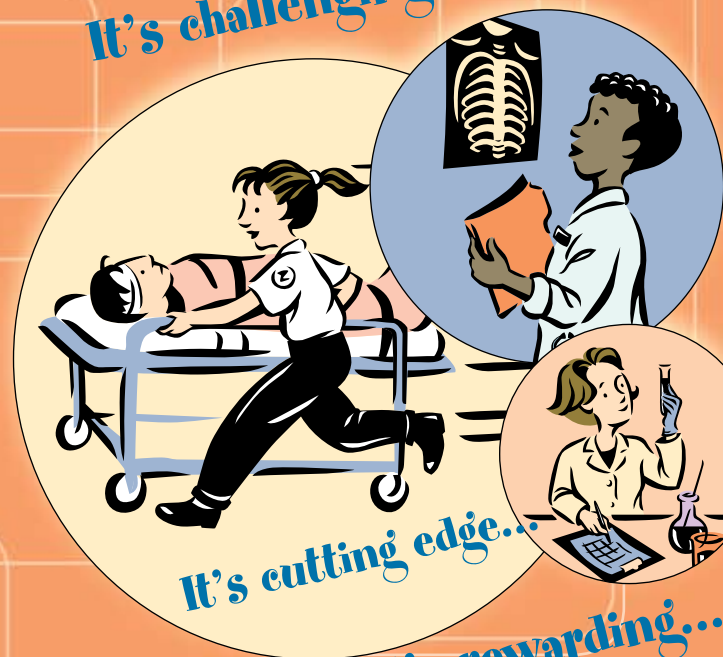
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Have a healthcare career
without being a nurse or doctor!

Choose an Allied Health Profession!

It's challenging...



It's cutting edge...

It's rewarding...



Allied Health Careers

These Are a Few Examples of the Allied Health Careers Available...

Nuclear Medicine Technologists use small amounts of radioactive materials to view organ systems within the body. Education can be certificate program, associate degree, or bachelor degree and starting salaries begin around \$50,000.

Respiratory Therapists work directly with patients to help them breathe their best. Education is usually a 2-year associate degree and salary starts around \$40,000.

Clinical Laboratory Technicians or Scientists perform lab tests to detect and diagnose diseases under the direction of a pathologist in the lab. Education is 2-4 years long and the salary is about \$40,000.

Medical Assistants work in medical offices and clinics to help with administrative and clinical procedures. Education programs are either 1-year certificate or 2-year associate degrees and salary starts around \$25,000.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers take pictures with sound waves of body organs to see if anything is wrong. Education requirement can be certificate programs, associate or bachelor degrees, and the average salary is about \$45,000.

Check out other jobs available in Surgery, Pharmacy, Creative Arts, Dentistry, and many more!!

Common Questions



How long do I have to go to school?

You MUST finish high school! After that, it depends on the job you do how long you'll need to go to school. For some jobs the training takes a few months, others take several years. You can start your allied health career with a certificate program and work up to a PhD level.

Will it be easy to get a job?

There are so many jobs to fill and not enough people to fill them, which means it will be easy for you to start a career in an allied health profession once you have the right training.

How much will I get paid?

How much you get paid depends on which job you choose to do and how long you go to school. Usually, the jobs that require the least amount of education pay the least while jobs that require more training pay a lot more. And, you can keep advancing by going back to school.

Where will I work?

Anywhere healthcare is provided, allied health is there! From hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, to government agencies, research labs and medical supply companies.



Why should I choose a career in allied health?

Healthcare is so important in everyone's life and you could be helping people that really need it. Every day you can make a difference in someone's life - by helping them heal properly after an injury, looking at their blood to make sure they're healthy, taking an x-ray to study their bones, or helping them during a surgery.

There are so many options! Not only will you be helping others, but you will be growing as a person, working with physicians and other members of the healthcare team. Allied health careers are stable, pay well, and are extremely rewarding.

Find out more...

You should talk to your guidance counselors, teachers and parents. Together you can explore different allied health professions and find the right one for you. The American Medical Association has a book describing allied health professions called "Health Professions Career and Education Directory" - a great place to start investigating!

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2322.html>