

## WHY CHOOSE A HEALTH CARE CAREER?

### *The Choices*

From anesthesia technicians to athletic trainers, from chiropractors to counselors, from dietitians to home health aides, from medical secretaries to occupational therapists, and from pharmacists to social workers, these practitioners work behind the scenes and on the front lines to provide high-quality patient care.

### *The Demand*

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics...

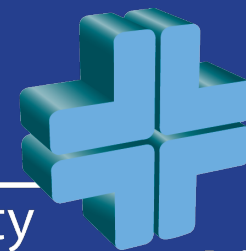
- As the largest industry in 2006, health care provided 14 million jobs—13.6 million jobs for wage and salary workers and about 438,000 jobs for the self-employed.
- 7 of the 20 fastest growing occupations are health care related.
- Health care will generate 3 million new wage and salary jobs between 2006 and 2016, more than any other industry.
- Most workers have jobs that require less than 4 years of college education, but health diagnosing and treating practitioners are among the most educated workers.

### *The Rewards*

- A competitive salary with benefits
- The satisfaction of helping others
- Flexible schedules and convenient locations
- Job security
- The challenge of a fast paced job



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# TOP HEALTH CARE CAREERS IN CHESTER COUNTY

## DENTAL HYGIENIST

Dental Hygienists remove soft and hard deposits from teeth, teach patients how to practice good oral hygiene and provide other preventive dental care. Hygienists examine patients' teeth and gums, recording the presence of diseases, or abnormalities. *The average annual salary for a Dental Hygienist is \$49,250.*

## HOME HEALTH AIDE

Home Health Aides provide health-related services to the elderly, disabled and others so they may live in their own homes instead of a health facility. *The average annual salary for a Home Health Aide is \$23,250.*

## LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)

Most LPNs provide basic nursing care including taking vital signs, collecting patient data and administering medication/treatments. In addition, administering IV therapy and assuming a charge nurse role in continuing care facilities is a frequent job role. *The average annual salary for a Licensed Practical Nurse is \$46,040.*

## MEDICAL & CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians conduct chemical analyses of body fluids, such as blood and urine, using a microscope or an automatic analyzer to detect abnormalities or diseases, and enter findings into computer. *The average annual salary for a Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technician is \$32,230.*

## MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST

Medical Transcriptionists use headsets and transcribing machines to reproduce reports dictated by physicians and other health care professionals. They return transcribed documents to the physicians or other health care professionals who dictated them for review and signature, or correction. *The average annual salary for a Medical Transcriptionist is \$30,010.*

## MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

Mental Health Counselors work with individuals, families, and groups to address and treat mental and emotional disorders and to promote optimum mental health. *The average annual salary for a Mental Health Counselor is \$38,320.*

## NURSING AIDE

Nursing aides, orderlies & attendants help care for ill, injured, or disabled individuals who are confined to hospitals, nursing homes, residential care facilities, or mental health institutions. They help patients eat, dress, move, and bathe. *The average annual salary for Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants is \$25,840.*

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Occupational therapists help people improve their ability to perform tasks in their daily living and working environments. Occupational therapists work with individuals who have conditions that are mentally, physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabling. *The average annual salary for an Occupational Therapist is \$57,220.*

## PHARMACIST

Pharmacists dispense drugs, as prescribed by health practitioners, and provide information about their use. They also advise health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions, and side effects of medications. *The average annual salary for a Pharmacist is \$85,090.*

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists provide medication and other health care products to patients. Technicians working in retail pharmacies prepare prescriptions by retrieving, counting, pouring, weighing, measuring, and sometimes mixing medications. *The average annual salary for a Pharmacy Technician is \$22,990.*

## PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Physical therapists provide services that help restore function, improve mobility, and relieve pain for those patients suffering from injuries or disease. The ultimate goal is to improve how an individual functions at home and in the workplace. *The average annual salary for a Physical Therapist is \$65,460.*

## RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST & TECHNICIANS

Radiologic technologists & technicians take X-rays and administer non-radioactive materials into patients' bloodstreams for diagnostic purposes. *The average annual salary for a Radiologic Technologist and Technician is \$47,380.*

## REGISTERED NURSE

Registered nurses observe patients, record information, assist physicians, administer medications, and help patients with rehabilitation efforts. Critical thinking is an essential element of the RN daily job role. *The average annual salary for a Registered Nurse is \$56,300.*

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