CAREERS IN HEALTH SERVICES

In a world of possibilities, explore...

Health Services 🍋 Why punch a clock, when you can keep the human body ticking?

Careers that require a high school diploma & training

Dental Assistant ✗
Elder Care/Personal Care Attendant ✗
EMT ✗
Health Unit Coordinator ✗
Lab Assistant/Phlebotomist ✗
Massage Therapist ✗
Medical Assistant ✗
Medical Transcriptionist ✗
Pharmacy Technician ✗
Ward Clerk ✗

Careers that require 2–3 years postsecondary education & training

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant ✗
Medical Assistant ✗
Medical Laboratory Technician/Clinical Laboratory Technician ✗
Medical Interview Care Technician ✗
Physical Therapist Assistant ✗
Radiological Technologist ✗
Respiratory Therapist ✗

“...my brother got into lab work first, and it seemed like a good job for me, too.”
- Larry Garma, PHLEBOTOMIST

FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION...

Careers that require a 4-year or undergraduate degree

Audiologist ✗
Athletic Trainer ✗
Dental Hygienist ✗
Medical Social Worker ✗
Medical Technologist/Clinical Laboratory Scientist ✗
Nutritionist ✗
Registered Dietitian ✗
Pharmacist ✗
Speech Pathologist ✗

ESTIMATED SALARY CHART

- $8.00 - $12.00
- $12.00 - $16.00
- $16.00 - $20.00
- $20.00 - $24.00

SCHOOLS FOR HEALTH CAREERS

“Taking care of my dad helped me to realize that health care was something I could do for a living.”
- William Castillo, CNA

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Health Service Career Pathway Information
www.hawaii.edu/healthcare/

808-934-2700 ✷ www.hc.edu

Kau‘a‘ Community College (KauCC)
808-245-8311 ✷ www.kauai.hawaii.edu

Office of Continuing Education
808-245-8318

Kapolei Community College (KCC)
808-734-9555 ✷ www.kapolei.hawaii.edu

Leevood Community College (LCC)
808-455-0011 ✷ www.olewai.org

Office of Continuing Education
808-455-0477

UH Maui College (UHMC)
808-984-3550 ✷ www.hcc.hawaii.edu

Windward Community College (WCC)
808-235-7400 ✷ www.wcc.hawaii.edu

Employment Training Center CNA Program
808-235-7377 ✷ www.windward.hawaii.edu/CNA

Hawai‘i and Pacific Basin Area Health Education Centers
808-692-0899 ✷ www.ahec.hawaii.edu/centers/huli_ao_ola.html

John A. Burns School of Medicine
808-692-0899 ✷ www.jabsom.hawaii.edu

State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates
www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_hi.htm

Health Services Occupation Information/Health Professions Network
808-639-9211 ✷ www.healthprofnet.org

COMPASS Testing
Many college programs require placement testing for admission. Computerized testing is available on a walk-in basis during most of the year. Test results are received immediately upon completion of the test. To test yourself on some sample questions, go to: www.act.org/compass/sample/

List of Occupations:

Certified Nurse Aide ✗
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant ✗
Clinical Laboratory Technician ✗
Dental Assistant ✗
Dental Hygienist ✗
Elder Care/Personal Care Attendant ✗
Emergency Medical Technician ✗
Health/Fitness Instructor ✗
Health Unit Coordinator ✗
Lab Assistant/Phlebotomist ✗
Massage Therapist ✗
Medical Assistant ✗
Medical Laboratory Technician ✗
Medical Transcriptionist ✗
Medical Assistant ✗
Medical Technologist ✗
Massage Therapist ✗
Mobile Intensive Care Technician ✗
Pharmacist ✗
Physical Therapist Assistant ✗
Radiological Technologist ✗
Respiratory Therapist ✗

*Offered at this campus on an intermittent basis by Kapi‘olani Community College. Please call 808-734-9211 for more information.

HEALTH SCIENCE PROFESSIONS IN HAWAI‘I

INFORMATION ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CARE

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Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Dental Assistant
Dental Hygienist
Elder Care & Personal Care Attendant
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Massage Therapist
Medical Assistant
Medical Laboratory Technician
Mobile Intensive Care Technician
Pharmacist
Physical Therapist Assistant
Radiologic Technologist
Respiratory Care Practitioner
Physicians and nurses are the best-known professions in health care. However, there is a vast array of other occupations needed to deliver comprehensive health services. Work settings, income potential, and education requirements vary widely. Is a career in health sciences right for you? Men and women are needed to meet the demand.

**Dental Assistant**
Dental Assistants work with dentists during examination and treatment of patients. They prepare patients for various procedures, pass and retrieve instruments and materials, operate the high-volume evacuation system, and implement OSHA-recommended infection control procedures. Dental assistants are often responsible for providing follow-up oral health care information to patients.

**Dental Hygienist**
A Dental Hygienist provides oral health care and education under the supervision of dentists in dental offices and public health and other dental hygiene settings. Students completing a degree in dental hygiene qualify for admission to the national and state board dental hygiene examination for licensure to practice dental hygiene.

**Elder Care/Personal Care Attendant**
The Elder Care/Personal Care Attendant provides basic care for patients in their home or community-based settings such as assisted living facilities and day care centers.

**Emergency Medical Technician**
The purpose of the Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate (EMT-I) Certificate of Achievement program is to prepare students to provide basic and advanced life support to patients in the pre-hospital emergency care setting. EMT-I’s provide emergency care such as bandaging, splinting, CPR, and other life-saving techniques. Good communication skills, manual dexterity, excellent judgement, and calmness under stress are very important.

**Health/fitness Instructor**
Exercise science is a discipline that studies the beneficial physical and physiological changes the human body experiences in response to an appropriately designed and completed fitness training program. Everyone knows that regular exercise is good for you. In the Exercise and Sport Science Program, students learn why and how regular exercise leads to improved health, fitness, and/or sports performance. Employment can be found in private, commercial, corporate, or military fitness facilities, resort/hotel fitness centers, and community recreation programs.

**Health Unit Coordinator**
This person works at a health care facility performing non-clinical nursing tasks which may include protecting patient confidentiality, setting priorities, and organizing the unit work load.

**Lab Assistant/Phlebotomist**
A Phlebotomist collects blood and other specimens that are then tested in the laboratory. Employment is in hospitals, outpatient labs, research, or medical offices.

**Massage Therapist**
A Massage Therapist employs various techniques of soft tissue manipulations for the improvement of a person’s health and well-being. Therapeutic purposes are relaxation of muscles, restoration of metabolic balance, circulation of the blood and lymph, relief from pain, as well as other physical and mental benefits.

**Medical Assistant**
Medical Assistants help physicians in private medical offices, clinics, and hospital outpatient clinics. They assist with patient care and perform routine office laboratory and diagnostic tests (medical assisting), as well as business procedures (administrative medical assisting).

**Medical Laboratory Technician**
Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) are associate degree laboratory professionals who perform a wide variety of routine laboratory procedures and work in both public and private laboratories. Medical Technologists (MTs) are baccalaureate degree laboratory professionals who perform routine as well as high level complex laboratory testing and are trained to assume managerial positions.

**Mobile Intensive Care Technician**
The Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MCT) functions as a healthcare provider in the pre-hospital setting, and takes a leadership role in patient care, communication, ambulance, first responder, and other personnel to ensure the safety and care of the patient. They perform advanced cardiac life support procedures, administer medications, tracheal intubation, electrocardiograms, and many other medical procedures. To enter the MCT program, one must first be certified as an EMT (see description under Emergency Medical Technician).

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**Radiologic Technologist**
The Radiologic Technologist (RT) safely uses x-ray equipment to assist the Radiologist in examining patients for broken bones and injury, disease, or malfunction of organs. The RT may work in hospitals and clinics, assisting patients into the correct position, adjusting x-ray equipment to settings, making the required exposures, and processing images. Other responsibilities may include keeping records, ordering supplies, mixing processing solutions, and maintaining equipment.

**Respiratory Care Practitioner**
Respiratory Care Practitioners is a physician-directed health science specialty, caring for patients with disorders of the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems. Respiratory Care Practitioners work in hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes and also provide home care.

**“Rad tech is the first step toward many career opportunities that use the latest technologies.”** Melodi Kaneshiro, RT

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**Certified Nurse Aide**
Certified Nurse Aides work primarily in hospitals, clinics, nursing care homes, and home health agencies, including long term care. They provide basic care such as bathing, feeding and toileting. They do simple procedures, which include taking temperature, pulse, respiration, and blood pressure. Graduates are eligible to take the State Nurse Aide Certification Examination.

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