

HEALTHCARE

Do you enjoy helping others? Is science one of your favorite subjects?
Are you interested in how the human body works?

Look around you...

Did you know there are many other careers in healthcare other than doctors and nurses? Using science and problem-solving skills, people in healthcare create new medicines, discover cures for diseases, heal and comfort the sick and operate high-tech tools that diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries. Whether taking care of patients or working "behind the scenes," healthcare in Alabama has something for everyone.

What It Takes

- Strong math, science and computer skills
- Attention to details
- Desire to help others
- Ability to work on a team

Check Out This Cool Career... Respiratory Therapist

Respiratory therapists are recognized as some of the most important personnel in healthcare facilities! A respiratory therapist cares for and treats patients who have difficulty breathing, often in emergencies. They treat a wide range of patients, from those with chronic respiratory diseases, to premature infants, to elderly patients with diseased lungs. The basic requirement for this fast-growing occupation is an Associate's Degree.

High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Healthcare

Occupation:	Education Required:	Average Annual Salary:
Physician	Medical Degree	\$53,000 – \$260,000
Pharmacist	Doctorate	\$90,000 – \$159,000
Physical Therapist	Doctorate	\$52,000 – \$131,000
Physician Assistant	Master's Degree	\$33,000 – \$113,000
Respiratory Therapist	Bachelor's Degree	\$41,000 – \$62,000
Registered Nurse	Associates Degree	\$43,000 – \$75,000
Medical Laboratory Tech	Associates Degree	\$26,000 – \$65,000
Surgical Technician	Associates Degree	\$27,000 – \$46,000
Biomed Electronics Tech	Associates Degree	\$25,000 – \$46,000
Pharmacy Tech	Certificate	\$21,000 – \$38,000
Medical Coder	Certificate	\$22,000 – \$51,000
Medical Assistant	Certificate	\$21,000 – \$37,000
Phlebotomist	Certificate	\$23,000 – \$42,000

Career Paths in Healthcare

