

## Thumbnail Sketch of Some Careers in Health Care

Occupation	Main functions	Education/Training	Current Average Salary	Future Job Prospects
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	<b>Assess patients and plan and carry out individualized treatment plans to maintain, improve or restore physical functioning</b>	<b>A university degree in physiotherapy and a period of supervised practical training</b>	<b>\$49,340</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	<b>Develop individual and group programs with people affected by illness, injury, developmental disorders, emotional or psychological problems and aging to maintain, restore or increase their ability to participate in work, school or leisure.</b>	<b>A university degree in occupational therapy or rehabilitation, including a period of supervised practical training and completion of the national certification</b>	<b>\$43,403</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists</b>	<b>Conduct medical laboratory tests, experiments and analyses to assist in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease.</b>	<b>A bachelor of science or medical laboratory science degree, or a three-year college diploma in medical laboratory technology, and a period of supervised practical training</b>	<b>\$42,340</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Pathologists' Assistants</b>	<b>Assist in autopsies and examinations of specimens.</b>	<b>A period of supervised practical training</b>		

<b>Medical Laboratory Technicians</b>	<b>Conduct routine medical laboratory tests and set up, clean and maintain medical laboratory equipment.</b>	<b>A one or two-year college program in medical technology</b>	<b>\$34,172</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Audiologists</b>	<b>Diagnose, evaluate and treat hearing disorders.</b>	<b>A master's degree or equivalent recognised standard of qualification for speech-language pathologists and audiologists</b>	<b>\$47,396</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Speech-Language Pathologists</b>	<b>Diagnose, evaluate and treat speech, language, communications and voice disorders</b>			
<b>Nurse's Aides, Orderlies, Personal Support Workers</b>	<b>Assist nurses, hospital staff and physicians in the basic care of patients.</b>	<b>a high school diploma and an in-house training program or a college training program.</b>	<b>\$25,690</b>	<b>Average</b>



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<b>Respiratory Therapists,</b>	<b>Assist physicians in the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with breathing disorders.</b>	<b>the completion of a post-secondary technical training program in respiratory therapy (generally three years) and a period of clinical training.</b>	<b>\$47,761</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Clinical Perfusionists</b>	<b>Provide technical support to patients undergoing cardiac surgery and patients requiring cardio-respiratory support.</b>	<b>Respiratory therapists (or sometimes nurses) who have acquired work experience and who have taken additional, postgraduate courses for certification..</b>		
<b>Cardiopulmonary Technologists</b>	<b>Assist physicians in the technical aspects of diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular and pulmonary disease.</b>			
<b><u>Medical Radiation Technologists</u></b>				
<b>Include the following main disciplines: Radiological (or x-ray) technologists</b>	<b>Operate radiographic and radiation therapy equipment and other diagnostic imaging tools to administer radiation treatment or produce images of body structures for the diagnosis and treatment of</b>	<b>Completion of a specialized post-secondary, technical training program (generally three years) and a period of supervised practical training.</b>	<b>\$45,714</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Radiation</b>				

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**therapists**            **injury and disease.**

**Nuclear medicine  
technologists**

**Completion of a graduate  
program in addition to  
qualification and clinical  
experience in one of the above  
three disciplines**

**Magnetic  
resonance  
technologistss**

**Nuclear Medicine  
technologist**

**Use an imaging technique to  
produce high quality images of  
the inside of the human body  
and administer  
radiopharmaceuticals.**

**Three year training program**

**\$45,000**

**Good**

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<b>Ambulance Attendants and other Paramedical Occupations</b>	<b>Administer pre-hospital emergency medical care to patients and transport them to hospitals or other medical facilities for further medical care.</b>	<b>A 2-year college diploma program or a hospital-based program in ambulance, emergency care or paramedics. A supervised practical training period is also required</b>	<b>\$42,035</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Dental Assistants</b>	<b>Assist dentists during the examination and treatment of patients and perform administrative functions</b>	<b>Completion of a post-secondary technical training program in dental assisting</b>	<b>\$25,343</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Dietitians</b>	<b>Integrate, translate, and apply food, nutrition, social science, and management theory in the workplace to help individuals and groups to achieve their food, nutrition, and health related goals.</b>	<b>A bachelor's degree, specializing in foods and nutrition, as well as practical training in a hospital or community setting. Many dietitians pursue a master's or doctoral degree.</b>	<b>\$44,400</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Kinesiologists</b>	<b>Oversee and administer recreation, sports and fitness programs and activities, provide consulting services, conduct research and develop programs</b>	<b>Master's degree usually required for kinesiology</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	
<b>Recreation, Sports and Fitness Program</b>		<b>Other similar professions require a degree in recreation administration, sports</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Good</b>

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<b>Supervisors and Consultants</b>	<b>and policies related to recreation, sports and physical fitness</b>	<b>administration, physical education or a college diploma in a recreation, sports or fitness program combined</b>		
<b>Activation Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Provide programming for seniors in day centres, community centres, nursing homes, retirement homes, and community-based service agencies.</b>	<b>Two or three year diploma course at a community college with extensive practicums throughout course.</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>Good</b>

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