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This guide is your starting point. Inside, you'll discover emerging careers in mental health, see how AI and tech are shaping the field, explore top salaries in healthcare, and find tips on how to begin charting your pre-med path. Whether you're drawn to the science, technology, or human side of medicine, this guide is designed to help you find your direction.

Demand for healthcare workers is outpacing nearly every other industry, and the roles available today barely resemble what existed a generation ago. Genetic counselors, health data scientists, surgical robotics specialists, telehealth providers — the list keeps growing. But what this rapidly changing field needs most are people who bring real curiosity and genuine care to their work.

If you're drawn to healthcare but not sure where to start, our list of summer programs can give you a real look at what different healthcare careers actually feel like. You could shadow a physical therapist helping patients rebuild mobility, or research the policies shaping how countries respond to health crises. No matter how you get involved, these hands-on opportunities are guaranteed to help you find what clicks and give you the skills you need to succeed.



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When I first heard about Summer Discovery, I knew right away that I wanted to get a glimpse of what college life was actually like. I've always been someone who likes to plan ahead and get a sense of what's coming next, so spending part of my summer on a real college campus sounded like the perfect opportunity. I wanted to understand what it feels like to live, study, and make connections in a college environment before it's time for me to apply. I figured, why wait until senior year to experience that when I could start exploring early and get a deeper perspective than most students my age?

I spent three weeks at UT Austin and then three weeks at UCLA, and honestly, that combination couldn't have been more perfect. I was extremely privileged to experience two programs over the summer, which felt like a great fit for me since I had already spent about five to six weeks away from home during previous summers. That extra independence helped me feel comfortable right away and let me really make the most of both experiences.

For teens considering a program like this, my biggest piece of advice is to go for it. I remember when my older cousins came home from college for the holidays and immediately said, "I can't wait to go back." I had that same exact feeling after Summer Discovery. When I got home, all I could think about was, "When can I go back?" It is that same feeling of belonging, growth, and excitement, and it is something you will carry with you long after the summer ends.

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# AI & TECH IN HEALTHCARE



By: Stefanie Tedards

**W**ill AI take my job?

While you'll hear this question worldwide, the answer isn't a simple yes or no.

AI is rapidly accelerating across all industries, and healthcare is no exception in the push to adopt this technology. But don't worry about AI doctors and nurses taking over hospitals just yet.

## HOW WILL AI TRANSFORM THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR?

According to the [Cleveland Clinic](#), the whole point of integrating AI and healthcare is "to allow people to work more effectively and efficiently." Its benefits include:

- Improving diagnostic accuracy, especially in medical imaging.
- Speeding up emergency care and triage.
- Tracking health changes more consistently over time.
- Enabling more personalized treatment plans.
- Accelerating medical research and discovery.
- Reducing administrative workload and paperwork.

The sum of these goals? A vision of AI helping doctors deliver better care to more people.

## INTRODUCING AI TOOLS TO THE WORKPLACE

If you caught episode two of *The Pitt*, you may remember

the moment where Dr. Al-Hashimi, the new ER attending, demonstrated the use of an AI voice transcription tool to reduce time spent charting (writing down what happened during a patient encounter).

The real-life version? [Microsoft Dragon Copilot](#), which listens to conversations and converts them into customizable notes. This use case is just one small example of how AI tools streamline healthcare admin, leaving more room for patient care.

AI is doing more than just reducing the time humans spend on administrative tasks. Specialized medical AI firms, research institutions, and tech giants are [developing AI](#) to:

- Interpret brain scans with superhuman accuracy.
- Spot bone fractures that humans might miss.
- Help decide who really needs an ambulance ride to the hospital.
- Detect early signs of disease long before symptoms show.

While many of these more "hands-on" applications remain in testing, it won't be long before more AI tools currently under development will [launch into the healthcare market](#).

## AI CHALLENGES AND ROADBLOCKS

Given that medical advancements carry life-or-death consequences, the healthcare industry's hesitation toward

AI is both understandable and expected. And while there's no question that AI can improve the lives of both healthcare workers and patients, not every AI advancement gets a green flag.

In its 2025 White Paper on *The Future of AI-Enabled Health*, the World Economic Forum (WEF) said "the potential of AI in healthcare has yet to be fully realized." The report also identified several potential barriers:

- **Political conditions:** Election cycles and government rules can make it hard to see long-term results or expand new ideas.
- **Need for scale:** To really make a difference, health solutions need extensive data and long-term testing.
- **Resource limits:** Budgets are tight, and countries can only spend so much on health relative to other priorities.
- **Resistance to change:** People in medicine can be slow to adopt new practices due to habits or caution.
- **Old systems and rules:** Outdated systems, regulations, and incentives can block new technology from operating at optimal levels.

Other inconsistencies and inaccuracies, including conflicting medical advice, misstated facts, and unreliable code generation, highlight the importance of a human touch (and perspective) whenever AI is involved.

### HOW TECH IS CREATING NEW CAREER PATHS

Contrary to some beliefs, AI's evolution (and technology in general) is creating **new jobs** in healthcare. These roles didn't exist a decade ago, and each requires different skill sets and education, opening new paths for students and current professionals.

Even remote work opportunities are expanding. If you want to work directly with patients, but virtually, check out these careers.

- **Remote Patient Monitoring Specialist:** These professionals monitor patients' vital signs from a distance and alert clinicians when anything appears abnormal. Specialists also help patients with medication management and lifestyle adjustments to improve their health.
- **Tele-Triage Nurse / Clinician:** Every phone or video call is a mini emergency drill: a pro evaluates symptoms, determines the level of urgency, and connects patients with the right resources.
- **Virtual Care Coordinator:** This role helps patients comply with their treatment plans by coordinating appointments and tracking follow-ups.

If you love bio but also want to sit behind a keyboard building the next life-saving algorithm, turn that passion into a career.



- **Healthcare Machine Learning Engineer:** These engineers help develop AI systems designed to support healthcare. They develop models and improve performance using real patient datasets and test algorithms to ensure accuracy and reliability.
- **Medical Informatics Specialist:** This role converts messy patient data into useful insights. Much of the work revolves around electronic health record systems and clinical data analysis.
- **Health AI Ethicist:** These professionals ensure the algorithms used for patient care are fair, safe, and unbiased. The role involves advising development teams and drafting ethical guidelines for healthcare applications.

### EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY AS IT COMES

Will AI take over healthcare? No. But it will transform how people give and receive care. The best way to prepare for this change? Stay curious and try new tech.

Whether you're aiming for an associate degree in nursing or a master's in systems medicine, seek opportunities to familiarize yourself with new and emerging technology. Explore virtual patient monitoring platforms, practice analyzing health data with tools like Excel or Python, or volunteer with telehealth programs.

Pre-med students can take courses in machine learning or medical informatics. Nursing and allied health students can apply for clinical rotations that use digital health technology.

No matter where you are in your career or education, keep an open mind. Change (and accepting it) takes time, but exploring these tools now will help you feel ready for the next wave of healthcare innovation.

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# EMERGING & TRADITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CAREERS



By: Jodi Ireland

According to data from the American Psychological Association (APA) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mental health industry is growing at least **three times faster** than the national average for all other fields. With high demand, strong job growth, and new specialities and technologies opening doors that didn't exist a few years ago, why not consider this field?

## WHY MENTAL HEALTH CAREERS ARE BOOMING

You're seeing mental health everywhere now. TikToks talk about anxiety, school wellness days, workplace burnout ... and that visibility reflects a huge shift. **Ninety percent** of people believe there's a mental health crisis. Yet almost 60% of psychologists **can't accommodate new patients**. Many people are struggling, more are asking for help, but trained helpers and resources are scarce.

## WHAT CHANGED?

A few big shifts have positioned mental health front and center.

- **Access:** Telehealth lets people talk to a counselor from their phone or laptop, and virtual mental health visits have become the backbone of modern care.
- **Awareness:** The pandemic magnified stress, isolation, and grief. People stopped pretending they were fine, and conversations about mental health moved into classrooms, group chats, and family dinners.
- **Attitude:** Stigma is fading. Research shows that public

attitudes toward depression are improving, and more people see counseling as a sign of strength and self-awareness, not weakness.

## NEW METHODS OF CARE = NEW SPECIALTIES TO FILL

Because the old "one person, one therapist, once weekly in the office" model can't keep up with demand, the field is inventing new pathways, and each needs different types of support and professionals.

- **Digital tools:** Mental health apps and digital therapeutics continue to boom, but evidence shows that people benefit the most when these tools are paired with human support — coaches, counselors, and clinicians who can guide users and check on progress. That need opens roles for tech-savvy counselors, bilingual digital coaches, and specialists who help integrate apps into treatment plans.
- **Brief and single-session therapy:** Psychologists have developed single-session and brief, focused approaches that help people make meaningful progress in just one or a handful of sessions. Agencies and campuses have begun adopting these models to cut waitlists, creating demand for clinicians trained specifically in brief interventions.
- **Group and campus programs:** Focused brief group therapy and structured peer support programs on college campuses have expanded quickly. More professionals who specialize in youth, identity, and relationships are needed to fill therapist, program coordinator, and counselor roles.

## HAVE YOU HEARD OF THESE CAREERS?

While we definitely need more mental health professionals, some of the most fascinating work and opportunities lie in hybrid roles.



### Psychiatric pharmacy

Psychiatric pharmacists work directly with doctors to manage complex mental health medications. They're experts in how brain chemistry interacts with drugs. They help fine-tune treatments for patients with treatment-resistant depression, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia.



### Behavioral tech and digital health designers

These professionals combine psychology with software engineering or user experience (UX) design. They build digital interventions that can help prevent panic attacks or track a user's recovery progress. It's the perfect path for students who love coding but want to solve human problems, too.



### Neuropsychology

Neuropsychologists use advanced imaging and cognitive testing to analyze how brain injuries, diseases, or developmental conditions affect how people think and behave. It's a field where people look for patterns in data and brain scans to explain why someone is struggling and how to help their brain rewire itself.

## WHY CONSIDER A MENTAL HEALTH DEGREE NOW

Right now, mental health careers align well with purpose and stability.

- **Strong job outlook:** With counselor roles growing faster than average, students entering training programs now are stepping into a market that actively needs them.
- **Real-world impact:** Counselors help people move through anxiety, grief, trauma, burnout, and major life transitions, and the wins are deeply personal. For many in the field, that ability to make a difference matters more than any other job perk.
- **Flexible career paths:** Once you earn the right degree and license, you can focus on working in one area and shift over time as your interests and knowledge evolve.
- **Education that fits modern life:** Many counseling master's programs now offer online or hybrid formats, with internships and practicums built right in.

## CHOOSING SPECIALTIES WITH A LOWER BURNOUT

Mental health-adjacent careers allow professionals to improve people's quality of life and mental well-being. They often come with more lifestyle-friendly perks, like regular office hours, high autonomy, and lower emotional intensity.

SPECIALTY	HOW IT HELPS MENTAL HEALTH	THE BURNOUT BENEFIT
<b>Dermatology</b>	Skin conditions like severe acne or psoriasis have a massive impact on self-esteem and depression.	Very little on-call time; mostly clinic-based hours
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<b>Physical therapy</b>	There's a huge mind-body connection. PTs help people regain independence after trauma, which is crucial for mental recovery.	High patient wins — you see people improve every day, which can boost your own morale
<b>Speech-language pathology</b>	These pros help patients with communication disorders, improving social confidence and connection.	Predictable daily schedule; no medical emergencies
<b>Personal training/fitness</b>	They build self-esteem through physical strength, body positivity, and stress management via exercise.	Predictable daily schedule; no medical emergencies

## PREPARING TO WALK THIS PATH

You don't have to figure everything out now, but you can start testing whether this path suits you.

- Take high school classes in psychology, sociology, or child development.
- Join or help start mental health awareness clubs or peer support groups at school/on campus.
- Volunteer with organizations that support youth, crisis hotlines, or community centers.
- Look into bachelor's/master's programs in psychology, social work, human development, or related areas.
- Talk to working counselors, school psychologists, and other mental health professionals about what their days/weeks are like to see which specialty matches your personality and interests.

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👤	In-Person
📅	11 Days

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Participating in the Oxford program has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life. Not only did I choose to join the program once, but I returned three times — something I would gladly continue doing every single year. Each summer offered something new to learn, someone new to meet, and some moment that stayed with me long after I returned home. By now, Oxford feels less like a program and more like a second home.

One of the best parts of the program was the international friendships. I met people from so many different countries, each with their own stories, cultures, and perspectives. Some of those friendships have lasted long after the program ended. Learning from them taught me how big the world is — and how much we all have in common regardless of where we come from.

My advice to teens considering programs like this is simple: go for it. Take the step. You don't need to be perfect, confident, or certain — you just need to be open. These programs help you grow in ways you don't expect. They give you memories you'll hold onto for life, and they open doors you didn't even know existed. Oxford changed me — three times — and I would return again without hesitation.

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# IS PRE-MED THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU?

A guide for teens and the parents who support them



By: Jodi Ireland

**M**any kids dream of wearing a white lab coat and a stethoscope, so a pre-med track feels like the ultimate path after high school. Medical careers offer prestige, job security, and the training to save lives and make a real difference. The road is long, tedious, and expensive.

Before committing to years of organic chemistry and late-night study sessions, here's what you should consider.

## **PART 1: Questions for the aspiring pre-med student**

While thousands of students enter college as pre-med majors, **fewer than 17% graduate** with the requirements to apply to med school. This number isn't meant to discourage you, but to highlight that many students realize that their "why" wasn't strong enough. Ask yourself:

### **1. Have you explored other professions?**

In high school, join other clubs that have nothing to do with healthcare. If you explore other careers and still feel

drawn to medicine, you can confirm that you've based that commitment on preference, not a lack of info about other options.

### **2. Do you know the full range of healthcare roles?**

The medical field is a massive ecosystem of specialties that include PAs, physical therapists, genetic counselors, pharmacists, speech pathologists, and more! Each helps people, but the educational requirements, tasks, and levels of autonomy vary widely.

### **3. What's your "why" (beyond helping people)?**

"I want to help people and make a difference in their lives" is the most common answer in medical school interviews — and the least impressive. Every teacher, social worker, firefighter, police officer, and physician wants to help people. Surviving the rigors of pre-med and med school requires a specific spark. Find a reason that's personal to you.

### **4. Are you actually interested in the science?**

The pre-med track requires spending your college years

immersed in science and math. Be honest with yourself: Do you enjoy your science classes now? If you loathe AP Bio or AP Chem, the pre-med track may introduce you to four years of torment. You need genuine curiosity, determination, and you absolutely need to know how to study and have the capacity to absorb, retain, and understand a tremendous volume of information.

### 5. How do you feel about research and the healthcare system?

If you become a doctor, patient care is your first responsibility, but not the only one. Modern medicine is entwined with research, public health policy, and administrative systems. During your training, you'll likely participate in research and learn about health care economics. If spending hours in a lab or analyzing health data sounds boring, you may feel frustrated with your training.

### 6. What are your non-negotiables for the next decade?

Medical training will consume the majority of your 20s. Think about your non-negotiables. While you can have a life as a medical student, the work-life balance will skew very heavily toward work for a long time.

### 7. Do you enjoy working with people in high-stress environments?

Medicine is a team sport. You'll constantly interact with patients who are scared, tired, worried, or in pain. You'll work alongside nurses, techs, and other specialists — and if you prefer to work alone in a quiet office, the chaotic, collaborative environment of a hospital may conflict with your personality.

## PART II: How parents can support the journey

If you're the parent of a teen who's announced they want to be a neurosurgeon, that's awesome! Here's how you can support your teen.

### 1. Facilitate job shadowing.

Help your teen connect with local professionals. Reach out to your own network — friends, neighbors, or your doctor. Try your local hospital, but don't forget about smaller clinics, radiology centers, or physical therapy offices that might have less red tape for shadowing. Seeing the less glamorous parts of the job is a great way for teens to see whether they really want this career.

### 2. Help them find volunteer opportunities.

Colleges look for clinical exposure, so teens should be comfortable in a healthcare environment. Volunteering teaches accountability and shows teens how a healthcare team functions from the ground up. Help them find volunteer positions at hospices, nursing homes, hospitals, or public health nonprofits.

### 3. Broaden their horizons.

Read articles on medical imaging or biotech. Use resources like [ExploreHealthCareers.org](https://www.explorehealthcareers.org) to examine salaries, education requirements, and job growth together. Comparing the return on investment of different paths helps them set realistic goals.

4. **Provide test prep resources (pressure-free).** Standardized tests are the reality of the pre-health path. You don't need to spend thousands on a private tutor. Instead, leverage high-quality free or low-cost resources like Khan Academy, Quizlet, or your community library.

### 5. Connect your teen with a mentor.

A mentor, like a pre-med college student or a retired nurse, can provide a boots-on-the-ground perspective. They can talk about the reality of the classes or the job's challenges and rewards.

### 6. Attend career fairs together.

Attending healthcare career fairs at local colleges or community centers together allows you to hear the same information, making it easier to discuss later. These events are also great for meeting admissions officers and learning what different college programs require.

### 7. Discuss the emotional weight.

Healthcare is emotionally taxing. Start having these conversations now. If you see a story about a medical ethics issue, ask your teen what they think. Helping them develop the emotional maturity to handle the human side of medicine is just as important as helping them earn that A in chemistry.

## PART III: The reality check for teens and parents

Plans can change — and that's okay. It's better to realize in your sophomore year of college that you'd rather not be a surgeon than when you're in your second year of residency with massive student loans.

### Teens:

Don't tie your entire identity to being the pre-med kid. By making medicine your entire personality, you run a high risk of burning out. Keep your hobbies. Take a fun elective in high school. Take electives in college. Developing into a well-rounded human makes you a better doctor in the long run.

### Parents:

Your teen's career choice doesn't reflect your parenting. If they decide to drop pre-med to study something else, support them with the same enthusiasm. Forcing someone to stick with a major they no longer want or love is a recipe for misery and **worse**. Be the safety net, not the engine.

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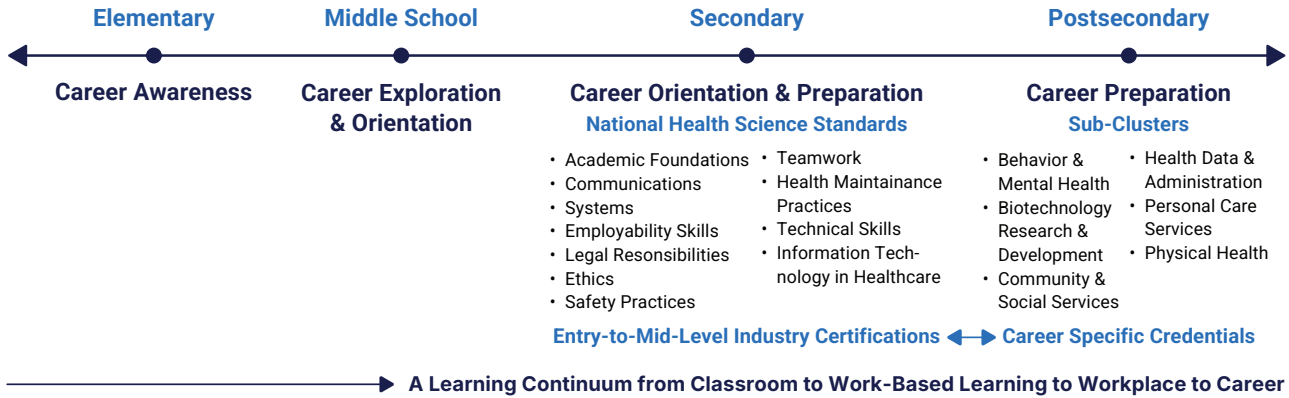


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art/Music/Dance Therapist(s)</li> <li>• Behavioral Analyst</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Specialist</li> <li>• Behavioral Therapist</li> <li>• Behavior Technician</li> <li>• Certified Peer Specialist</li> <li>• Health Psychologist</li> <li>• Licensed Clinical Counselor</li> <li>• Licensed Educational Psychologist</li> <li>• Mental Health Clinician/Therapist</li> <li>• Mental Health Technician</li> <li>• Psychiatric Technician/Aide</li> <li>• Psychiatrist</li> <li>• Psychologist</li> <li>• Recreational Therapist</li> <li>• Rehabilitation Assistant</li> <li>• Rehabilitation Counselor</li> <li>• School Counselor</li> <li>• School Psychologist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admitting Clerk</li> <li>• Applied Researcher</li> <li>• Cancer Registrar</li> <li>• Certified Compliance Technician</li> <li>• Clinical Account Manager</li> <li>• Clinical Account Technician</li> <li>• Clinical Coder</li> <li>• Clinical Data Management</li> <li>• Clinical Data Miner</li> <li>• Clinical Data Specialist</li> <li>• Community Services Specialist</li> <li>• Data Quality Manager</li> <li>• Decision Support Analyst</li> <li>• Epidemiologist</li> <li>• Ethicist</li> <li>• Health Educator</li> <li>• Health Information Administrator</li> <li>• Health Information Services</li> <li>• Health Information Technician</li> <li>• Healthcare Administrator</li> <li>• Healthcare Finance Professional</li> <li>• Information Privacy Officer</li> <li>• Information Security Officer</li> <li>• Managed Care Contract Analyst</li> <li>• Medical Assistant</li> <li>• Medical Illustrator</li> <li>• Medical Information Technologist</li> <li>• Medical Librarian</li> <li>• Medical Records Technician</li> <li>• Medical Transcriptionist</li> <li>• Medical Translator</li> <li>• Patient Account Manager</li> <li>• Patient Account Technician</li> <li>• Patient Advocate</li> <li>• Patient Information Coordinator</li> <li>• Project Manager</li> <li>• Quality Data Analyst</li> <li>• Quality Management Specialist</li> <li>• Reimbursement Specialist</li> <li>• Risk Manager</li> <li>• Unit Coordinator</li> <li>• Utilization Manager</li> <li>• Utilization Review Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Cardiac Sonographer</li> <li>• Anesthesiologist Assistant</li> <li>• Athletic Trainer</li> <li>• Audiologist</li> <li>• Blood Bank Technician</li> <li>• Cardiovascular Technologist</li> <li>• Certified Cardiogenic Technician (CCT)</li> <li>• Certified Rhythm Analysis Technician (CRAT)</li> <li>• Certified RN Anesthetist (CRNA)</li> <li>• Chiropractor</li> <li>• Clinical Laboratory Technician</li> <li>• Clinical Nurse Specialist</li> <li>• Computer Tomography (CT) Technologist</li> <li>• Cytogenetic Technologist</li> <li>• Cytotechnologist</li> <li>• Dental Assistant</li> <li>• Dental Hygienist</li> <li>• Dental Lab Technician</li> <li>• Dentist</li> <li>• Diagnostic Medical Sonographer</li> <li>• Dialysis Technician</li> <li>• Dietitian/Nutritionist</li> <li>• Dietetic Technician</li> <li>• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)</li> <li>• Dosimetrist</li> <li>• Electrocardiographic (ECG or EKG) Technician</li> <li>• Emergency Medical Technician</li> <li>• Genetic Counselor</li> <li>• Histotechnician</li> <li>• Histotechnologist</li> <li>• Licensed Practical Nurse</li> <li>• Magnetic Resonance (MR) Technologist</li> <li>• Mammographer</li> <li>• Medical Assistant</li> <li>• Medical Doctor (MD)</li> <li>• Medical Laboratory Scientist</li> <li>• Medical Laboratory Technician</li> <li>• Midwife</li> <li>• Neurodiagnostic Technologist</li> <li>• Nuclear Medicine Technologist</li> <li>• Nutritionist/Dietitian</li> <li>• Nurse Practitioner</li> <li>• Occupational Therapist</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy Assistant</li> <li>• Ophthalmic Technician</li> <li>• Ophthalmic Technician/Technologist</li> <li>• Optometrist</li> <li>• Orientation &amp; Mobility Specialist</li> <li>• Orthotist/Prosthetist</li> <li>• Paramedic</li> <li>• Pathologist</li> <li>• Pathologist Assistant</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• Pharmacy Technician</li> <li>• Phlebotomist</li> <li>• Physical Therapist</li> <li>• Physical Therapy Assistant</li> <li>• Physician Associate/Assistant</li> <li>• Podiatrist</li> <li>• Polysomnographic Technologist</li> <li>• Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Technologist</li> <li>• Radiation Therapist</li> <li>• Radiologic Technologist</li> <li>• Registered Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist (RCES)</li> <li>• Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS)</li> <li>• Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS)</li> <li>• Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer (RCCS)</li> <li>• Registered Nurse</li> <li>• Registered Phlebotomy Sonographer (RPhS)</li> <li>• Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS)</li> <li>• Respiratory Therapist</li> <li>• Sterile Processing Technician</li> <li>• Speech-Language Pathologist</li> <li>• Surgeon</li> <li>• Surgical Technologist</li> <li>• Transport Technician</li> </ul>
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# WHAT CAN YOU EARN IN HEALTHCARE?

Like many other fields, what you can make in healthcare depends on what specifically you do in healthcare. It also depends on where you work, who you work for, and how difficult it is to do your job (i.e., the more education you're required to have, the higher the salary).

Here are 40+ healthcare jobs—and how much you can earn in each, according to the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

LOWER-RANGE ROLES	
HOME HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE AIDES: <a href="#">\$34,900</a>	PHLEBOTOMISTS: <a href="#">\$43,660</a>
MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONISTS: <a href="#">\$37,550</a>	MEDICAL ASSISTANTS: <a href="#">\$44,200</a>
NURSING ASSISTANTS AND ORDERLIES: <a href="#">\$39,430</a>	EMTS AND PARAMEDICS: <a href="#">\$46,350</a>
PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS AND AIDES: <a href="#">\$42,200</a>	OPTICIANS: <a href="#">\$46,560</a>
PHARMACY TECHNICIANS: <a href="#">\$43,460</a>	DENTAL ASSISTANTS: <a href="#">\$47,300</a>

## MID-RANGE ROLES

MEDICAL RECORDS SPECIALISTS: <u>\$50,250</u>
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS AND AIDES: <u>\$60,050</u>
RECREATIONAL THERAPISTS: <u>\$60,280</u>
CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS: <u>\$61,890</u>
LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSES: <u>\$62,340</u>
SURGICAL ASSISTANTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS: <u>\$62,480</u>
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS AND AIDES: <u>\$66,050</u>
CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS: <u>\$67,260</u>
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGISTS AND MEDICAL REGISTRARS: <u>\$67,310</u>
DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS: <u>\$73,850</u>

ORTHOTISTS AND PROSTHETISTS: <u>\$78,310</u>
RADIOLOGIC AND MRI TECHNOLOGISTS: <u>\$78,980</u>
CHIROPRACTORS: <u>\$79,000</u>
RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS: <u>\$80,450</u>
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHERS: <u>\$89,340</u>
AUDIOLOGIST: <u>\$92,120</u>
REGISTERED NURSES: <u>\$93,600</u>
DENTAL HYGIENISTS: <u>\$94,260</u>
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS: <u>\$95,410</u>
NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS: <u>\$97,020</u>
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS: <u>\$98,340</u>
GENETIC COUNSELORS: <u>\$98,910</u>



## HIGHER-RANGE ROLES

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: <u>\$101,020</u>
RADIATION THERAPISTS: <u>\$101,990</u>
NURSE ANESTHETISTS/MIDWIVES/PRACTITIONERS: <u>\$132,050</u>
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS: <u>\$133,260</u>
OPTOMETRISTS: <u>\$134,830</u>
PHARMACISTS: <u>\$137,480</u>
MEDICAL DOSIMETRISTS: <u>\$138,110</u>
PODIATRISTS: <u>\$152,800</u>
DENTIST: <u>\$179,210</u>
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS: <u>\$239,200+</u>

# HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



**F**rom lab techs and nurses to doctors and pharmacists, building a healthcare career takes time and money. Whether you're aiming for a 2-year associate program, a 4-year bachelor's degree, or eventually a graduate-level program, scholarships can help make your path more affordable.

Different types of scholarships have very diverse benefits. Prestigious national awards can cover most of your college costs, but that level of support attracts fierce competition.

## **ALABAMA: JACKSON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Amount:** \$10,000 **Deadline to apply:** April  
For students interested in nursing (RN or LPN), imaging, medical tech, or another related healthcare field. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and submit a personal statement.

## **CALIFORNIA: BLOSS MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Amount:** Varies **Deadline to apply:** February  
Students attending high schools in the BMHD district can apply for this scholarship, which supports those planning to work in and enrich the local area.

## **FLORIDA: MEDICAL SKILLS JUMPSTART SCHOLARSHIP**

**Amount:** \$3,100 **Deadline to apply:** February  
This scholarship, offered by The Education Foundation in partnership with HCA Florida North Florida Hospital, provides one high school senior with funding to pursue any medical field program. Applicants must plan to attend college in Florida.

## **GEORGIA: SHARE HEALTH SOUTHEAST GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP**

**Amount:** Varies **Deadline to apply:** March  
This scholarship, offered by The Education Foundation in partnership with HCA Florida North Florida Hospital, provides one high school senior with funding to pursue any medical field program. Applicants must plan to attend college in Florida.

Hyper-local scholarships may have less competition, but award amounts are often smaller or tied to specific counties or schools. Even so, stacking multiple smaller scholarships can add up and pay off big in the long run!

This edition of *Your Future in Healthcare* highlights local awards, because some of the best (and most accessible) scholarship opportunities may be right in your own state. Check out these 20 scholarships for future medical professionals nationwide.

## **IDAHO, OREGON, & WASHINGTON: CAREERS THAT WORK! SCHOLARSHIP**

**Amount:** \$1,000 **Deadline to apply:** June  
This scholarship is nomination-based: each public and private high school in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington may nominate one student. To receive the award, students must be accepted to a participating career college in one of these three states.

## **ILLINOIS: ISAC NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (NES) PROGRAM**

**Amount:** Up to \$18,574 **Deadline to apply:** April  
Students at all degree levels—from a certificate in practical nursing to a graduate nursing degree—can benefit from this scholarship. Recipients are required to begin working within six months of graduation and to work for at least the same length of time they received funding.

## **INDIANA: MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Amount:** Varies **Deadline to apply:** March  
This foundation offers several scholarships to students in southwestern Indiana, with awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Scholarships are available for nursing programs and other healthcare fields.

## **KENTUCKY: PATRICIA GOODMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Amount:** \$2,000 **Deadline to apply:** March  
Open to students in the Central Kentucky Community Foundation service area, this award supports those pursuing nursing or other medical careers.

#### **MICHIGAN:** [GHO HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIP CONTENT](#)

**Amount:** \$1,500 **Deadline to apply:** February  
Two students from Genesee County receive this scholarship each year. Applicants must submit a 1,000-word essay on their interest in healthcare, including how their family's health history influenced their career choice.

#### **MINNESOTA:** [ALLINA HEALTH FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP](#)

**Amount:** \$2,000 **Deadline to apply:** March  
Each year, ten scholarships are awarded to students in Wright County who are pursuing a two- or four-year healthcare degree. To apply, students must submit their application through their guidance counselor.

#### **MONTANA:** [COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE'S HIGH SCHOOL HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

**Amount:** \$1,000 – \$2,500 **Deadline to apply:** March  
High school seniors in four western Montana counties are eligible for this scholarship, which supports studies in medicine, nursing, and other health-related fields.

#### **NORTH CAROLINA:** [HFW HEALTHCARE CAREER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

**Amount:** \$1,000 **Deadline to apply:** March  
Seniors at ten public high schools in Wilson County are eligible for this scholarship. Each school selects one recipient, who must plan to attend a college or university in North Carolina.

#### **OHIO:** [MEDICAL MUTUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CUSTOMER SCHOOLS](#)

**Amount:** \$1,000 and \$10,000 **Deadline to apply:** March  
High school seniors at Medical Mutual partner schools can apply for scholarships through The Columbus Foundation. Each year, 140 students receive \$1,000 awards, and six students receive \$10,000 awards.

#### **OKLAHOMA:** [BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH & WELLNESS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP](#)

**Amount:** \$5,000 **Deadline to apply:** December  
This scholarship supports students interested in rural healthcare. Eligible applicants must be high school seniors, participate in the Oklahoma Youth Expo, and plan to attend college or university in Oklahoma.

#### **PENNSYLVANIA:** [PHOENIXVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP](#)

**Amount:** \$2,000, renewable for up to four years  
**Deadline to apply:** April  
This renewable scholarship, worth \$8,000 over four years, supports students at high schools throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. Eligible majors include nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, and other healthcare fields.

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA:** [SC HOSA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

**Amount:** \$500 – \$2,000 **Deadline to apply:** February  
Active South Carolina HOSA members can apply for a variety of scholarships, ranging from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. To be eligible, students must be registered for the SC HOSA State Leadership Conference and enrolled in—or have completed—a high school healthcare-related course or program.

#### **TENNESSEE:** [MEDINA HEALTH & REHABILITATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND](#)

**Amount:** \$6,250 per year for four years  
**Deadline to apply:** March  
This scholarship, for Gibson County high school graduates, has a total value of \$25,000. Unlike other local scholarships, recipients are not required to attend an in-state college or university.

#### **TEXAS:** [MHM SCHOLARSHIP VIA EPIC SCHOLARS](#)

**Amount:** Varies **Deadline to apply:** March  
This scholarship is for Texas high school seniors who are interested in healthcare and have a strong science background. Applicants should also have a record of community service.

#### **WEST VIRGINIA & PENNSYLVANIA:** [MON HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

**Amount:** \$1,000, renewable for up to four years  
**Deadline to apply:** April  
High school students in Mon Health's 16-county service area in West Virginia and Pennsylvania can earn up to \$4,000 for college with this scholarship. Students must meet academic requirements, show financial need, and apply to a qualifying medical program.

#### **WISCONSIN:** [FORT HEALTH CARE UNIFIED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS](#)

**Amount:** Varies **Deadline to apply:** March  
Fort HealthCare scholarships help graduating students in its service area pursue careers in healthcare. Volunteer work, community involvement, and financial need are considered, with priority for Jefferson High School students.

#### **MISSING YOUR STATE?**

Try searching local hospital foundations, community groups, state healthcare associations, service clubs and local businesses. And always check with your school counselor—they often know about opportunities you might otherwise miss.





# LOOKING FOR HEALTHCARE RESOURCES?

Check out our list.

## ORGANIZATIONS WITH STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

- [ACADEMY OF MANAGED CARE PHARMACY](#)
- [AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN PRE-VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE \(AARC\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES](#)
- [AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS](#)
- [AMERICAN DENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION \(ADEA\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION](#)
- [AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS](#)
- [AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION](#)
- [ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY SURGEONS OF THE U.S. \(AMSUS\)\\*](#)
- [ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS](#)
- [ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS\\*](#)
- [HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SOCIETY \(HIMSS\)\\*](#)
- [INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS' FEDERATION](#)
- [THE LATINO MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION](#)
- [NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS \(NACCHO\)\\*](#)
- [NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS \(NAEMT\)\\*](#)
- [NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION \(NATA\)\\*](#)
- [NATIONAL STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION](#)
- [THE NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION](#)
- [STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION](#)
- [STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION](#)

## GENERAL RESOURCES

- [ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS](#)
- [ALTERNATIVE HEALTHCARE CAREERS](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF PHARMACY \(AACP\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY MEDICAL COLLEGES](#)
- [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY MEDICAL COLLEGES \(AAVMC\)'S VETMED PATHWAYS\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION \(AHIMA\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS \(AMT\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION \(APTA\)'S PT MOVES ME\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION \(APAF\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS \(ASRT\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE HEARING ASSOCIATION \(ASHA\)\\*](#)
- [AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION](#)
- [ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES \(AAMC\)\\*](#)
- [ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES \(APHL\)\\*](#)
- [BIGFUTURE'S HEALTH SCIENCES CAREER CLUSTER](#)
- [BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE CAREERS PROGRAM](#)
- [EXPLOREHEALTHCAREERS](#)
- [HEALTH PROFESSIONS NETWORK \(HPN\)\\*](#)
- [MEDICAL SCHOOL HQ](#)
- [MYPABOX - PA SCHOOL FINDER](#)
- [MY NEXT MOVE CAREERS IN HEALTH AND COUNSELING](#)
- [NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS MEDICINE \(NASM\)\\*](#)
- [NATIONAL HEALTHCAREER ASSOCIATION \(NHA\)\\*](#)

- [PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION BOARD \(PTCB\)\\*](#)
- [PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION \(PAEA\)\\*](#)
- [ROADMAP TO MED](#)
- [SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE\\*](#)
- [STUDENT DOCTOR NETWORK](#)
- [THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS](#)
- [THE PA PLATFORM](#)
- [U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT TOP MEDICAL SCHOOLS](#)
- [WHAT IS POP? \(PROSTHETICS, ORTHOTICS, PEDORTHICS\)\\*](#)
- [WHY CHOOSE OT? \(OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY\)\\*](#)

## COMPETITIONS

- [AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY \(AAN\) NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH PRIZE](#)
- [AMERICAN SLEEP MEDICINE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO CONTEST](#)
- [BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD](#)
- [DAVIDSON FELLOWS](#)
- [INTERNATIONAL BIOGENEUS CHALLENGE](#)

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