



# Health Sciences

## CAREER PATHWAYS

If you have a passion for helping people and an interest in problem solving, you are a good candidate for the fast-growing healthcare industry. Whether you are one-on-one with patients or working behind the scenes, healthcare is one of the most in-demand fields with plenty of jobs and opportunities.



Source: Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center, Florida's Great Northwest, FLDOE, and CareerSource. Average Hourly Wage Rate and Education requirements are compiled from local employer surveys, the final education requirement and wage rate is the decision of the hiring employer

### FIRST

Requires on-the-job training, work experience, and/or a high school diploma.

#### JOB

#### AVG HOURLY RATE

Home Health Care Aide	\$12.30
Nursing Assistant	\$13.96
Health Care Support Worker	\$14.68

### NEXT

Requires two years of education beyond high school or on-the-job experience.

#### JOB

#### AVG HOURLY RATE

Medical Assistant	\$15.36
Pharmacy Technician	\$16.61
Physical Therapist Assistant	\$32.27

### LATER

Requires four or more years of education beyond high school plus work experience.

#### JOB

#### AVG HOURLY RATE

Registered Nurse	\$31.96
Medical and Health Service Manager	\$43.99
Physical Therapist	\$46.22
Pharmacist	\$57.83

## TRAINING PATHWAYS

### FIRST

Middle and high school career exploration or career academy programs

#### TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### INSTITUTION/SCHOOL

Nursing Assistant (Acute and Long Term Care)

South Walton High School

Biomedical Sciences

South Walton High-Magnet Innovation Center

### NEXT

Certifications, technical programs or two-year degree programs

#### TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### INSTITUTION/SCHOOL

Dental Assistant  
Health Services  
Medical Coder/Billing  
Nursing  
Radiography  
Physical Therapist Assistant  
Medical Laboratory Technology

Northwest Florida State College

Patient Care Technician  
Pharmacy Technician  
Phlebotomy  
Practical Nursing

Emerald Coast Technical College

Practical Nursing

Okaloosa Technical College

### LATER

Bachelor's, master's or doctoral programs

#### TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### INSTITUTION/SCHOOL

College of Health  
Nursing

University of West Florida

Nursing  
Organizational Management - Health Services

Gulf Coast State College

Nursing

Northwest Florida State College

Professional Health  
Public Health

Florida State University

**Important Note: Ongoing guidance from academic career advisors and supervisors throughout your education and training pathway is recommended.**

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