

HEALTHCARE



INDUSTRY OVERVIEW



Healthcare is the largest industry in the US and jobs are projected to grow more than any other industry.



Healthcare job growth within the Atlanta Metro region is projected to be even faster than the national average.



Many jobs don't require a bachelor's degree and pay family sustaining wages with good benefits.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Healthcare careers can be a calling or something you are truly interested in exploring. Healthcare workers have a strong desire to help others and find satisfaction in their career when they are using their essential skills to care for people. Responsibilities and expectations of roles within the healthcare field include:

- Advocating for Others
- Cleaning
- Communication
- Computer Literacy
- Customer Service
- Detail Oriented

- Decision Making
- Empathy/Compassion
- Organizational Skills
- Patient Care
- Physical Abilities
- Positive Attitude

- Problem Solving
- Professionalism
- Setting Priorities
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Work Ethic

COMMON CAREER PATHWAY

Certificate	Certificate	Diploma	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree
4-6 weeks	3-4 months	1-2 years	2 years	4 years
Nursing Assistant (CNA & PCT)	Medical Assistant EMT	Paramedic Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	Registered Nurse (ASN)	Registered Nurse (BSN)
\$28,300	\$35,600-\$37,200	\$37,400-\$46,000	\$56,300	\$74,300

Note: Salaries listed above are median wages for all occupations except ASN and BSN.

ASN is representative of entry-level wages in the nursing field and BSN is representative of median wage.



HOW DO I START MY CAREER?

DO SOME RESEARCH

- Assess your interests, aptitudes, skills, personality and preferences.
- Getting to know yourself helps you match your interest and skills to different careers.
- Use [ONETonline.org](https://www.onetonline.org) to learn about various careers

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

- Join a professional organization and take advantage of social media like LinkedIn.
- Volunteer at a local hospital or assisted living facility.
- Use your network to help you learn about career pathways, educational opportunities, and job responsibilities and expectations.

GET TRAINING

- Many healthcare jobs don't require a bachelor's degree.
- Check out [WorksourceGAportal.com](https://www.worksourcega.com) for a list of eligible training providers to get started in your healthcare career.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

HOSPITALS

Nearly every job in healthcare is represented at hospitals. Being in a hospital environment is a great way to get acquainted with new specialties and work environments you may be curious about.

PHYSICIAN OFFICES

Physician Offices usually offer a "normal" schedule of 9-5 and 5-days a week without requiring nights or weekends. Patients are well enough to bring themselves to a physician office and may simply require vaccinations or adjustment of medications.

HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Home Healthcare providers work independently in a setting within the community with a focus on coordination of care. Keeping patients safe at home, avoiding hospitalizations, and helping them regain their health and self-sufficiency are at the heart of home healthcare service.

NURSING CARE FACILITIES

Nursing care facilities rely on teams of different professionals to collectively take care of residents. Many patients in skilled nursing facilities have deteriorating diseases and require comfort until end of life.

OUTPATIENT CLINICS

Outpatient clinics and urgent care centers are other places that people go to receive care. Ambulatory clinics/centers are medical facilities that perform procedures and treatments but do not require an overnight stay. Urgent care centers provide treatment for minor emergencies, illness, and injuries including laboratory and X-ray testing.

More information available at:

[ATLworks.org/job-seekers](https://atlworks.org/job-seekers)

Find out more about WorkSourceGA's training services and see which top healthcare employers in Atlanta are hiring entry-level talent.