

# Philly Career Launch *Industry At-A-Glance*

## The Health Care Industry in Philadelphia

The health care industry provides medical services, makes medical equipment, develops drugs, provides health insurance, or otherwise offers health care to patients.<sup>1</sup>

The health care industry in Philadelphia is big: almost one out of three jobs, or 30 percent, is in the health care and social assistance sector.<sup>2</sup> Many health care jobs are not doctors or nurses. They are jobs that make the health care system work. You do not need a four-year degree or a medical or advanced degree for half of the job types in health care.<sup>3</sup>

There are two types of careers in health care. The first is **patient-facing** careers, meaning you are helping people who are visiting the doctor or hospital. The second is **system support** careers, which are helping the system run and are behind the scenes. Here are some examples of health care careers:

### PATIENT-FACING CAREERS

#### DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

EKG Technician  
Dental Technician  
Phlebotomist

#### THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Nurse Aide  
Pharmacy Technician  
Massage Therapist

### SYSTEM SUPPORT CAREERS

#### SUPPORT SERVICES

Biomedical Equipment Technician  
Sterilization Technician

#### HEALTH INFORMATICS

Medical Coding and Billing  
Administrative Support

### Industry Size

One out of two health care jobs do not require a four-year college, advanced, or a medical degree.<sup>3</sup>



### Average Salary

**\$44,863**

For US health care professions that require certification only, no four-year degree.<sup>4</sup>

### Projected Growth



Openings in US health care jobs expected each year from 2022 to 2032, faster than the yearly average for all occupations.<sup>5</sup>

## WAYS TO EXPLORE CAREERS IN HEALTH CARE

**#1.** Identify your strengths, talents, and interests as a way to think about what health care careers might be best for you.

**ACTION STEP:** Check out [Career Cruising](#) for useful information on 16 career clusters (free with a library card).

**#2.** Look for training programs in health care careers that you think might be a good fit for you.

**ACTION STEP:** Visit the [Career Training Database](#) and connect with training programs.

**#3.** Seek guidance and support from a trusted friend, relative, or advisor as you launch your career in health care.

**ACTION STEP:** Find [PA CareerLink® events](#) at neighborhood libraries that offer one-on-one job search guidance.

Sources: 1- Definition adapted from [Investopedia](#). 2- Calculated from the [Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages for Philadelphia County](#), June 2023 Employment. 3- Based on health care occupations listed in [Bureau of Labor \(BLS\) Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). 4- Average calculated from median salaries of occupations where a postsecondary nondegree award is required, as listed in [BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). 5- [BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook: Healthcare Occupations](#).