

Healthcare & Social Services

Industry Snapshot



Jobs in the health services industry provide medical assistance to people. Health services employees work in hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, and medical labs. It is one of the nation's largest and fastest growing industries—demand for jobs is expected to grow as the nation's 80 million Baby Boomers approach retirement age.

Experts say nearly half of the fastest growing jobs in the U.S. in the next 10 years are in health services. Demand for health services workers in the Greater Phoenix area is expected to mirror the nationwide growth of these jobs. Depending on the health services career you choose, many states require health services employees to be certified in their profession.

Essential Industry Skills

For anyone who plans to enter the job market in this field, a strong knowledge base in biology, chemistry, math, psychology, and sociology, along with social perceptiveness, active listening, and speaking skills, are a must.

High school students should meet with an advisor/counselor to create an appropriate career action plan that may include high school classes in:

- Biology
- Medical Terminology
- Chemistry
- Health Occupations
- Math
- Cosmetology

Source: O*NET & Western Maricopa Tech Prep Consortium

Occupation	Annual Entry-Level Wage Range*	Typical Training Required
Dental Hygienists	\$57,960 - \$81,250	Associate's Degree
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$34,720 - \$50,620	Postsecondary Vocational Award
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$21,590 - \$32,610	Associate's Degree
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$22,430 - \$48,390	Associate's Degree
Registered Nurses	\$47,050 - \$70,890	Associate's Degree

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010



Healthcare & Social Service Programs at the Maricopa Community Colleges

Program	College/Skill Center	Program	College/Skill Center
ALLIED HEALTH		NURSING	
Advanced Behavioral Health Sciences	Glendale, South Mountain	Fast Track Practical Nursing	GateWay
Advanced Nursing	South Mountain	Nurse Assisting	Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale, SouthWest Skill Center
Basic Behavioral Health	Glendale, South Mountain	Nursing	Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale
Community Health Worker	South Mountain	Nursing Refresher	GateWay, Mesa
Computed Tomography	GateWay	Practical Nursing	Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale, SouthWest Skill Center
Developmental Disabilities Specialist	Glendale		
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	GateWay	SOCIAL SERVICES	
Electroneurodiagnostics	GateWay	Addictions & Substance Use Disorders	Rio Salado
Health Information Technology	Phoenix	Addictions & Substance Use Disorders Level I	Rio Salado
Health Information - Long-term Care Settings	Phoenix	Addictions & Substance use Disorders Level II	Rio Salado
Health Services Management	GateWay	Adolescent Development	Glendale, Rio Salado
Health Unit Coordinating	GateWay	Adolescent Studies	Phoenix
Histologic Technology	Phoenix	Adult Development & Aging	Glendale, Rio Salado
Hospital Central Service Technology	GateWay	Deaf Studies	Phoenix
Laboratory Assisting	Phoenix	Family Development	Phoenix
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	GateWay	Family Life Education	Glendale, Rio Salado, Scottsdale
Medical Assistant Front & Back Office	SouthWest Skill Center	Family Support	Phoenix
Medical Assisting	Phoenix	Interpreter Preparation	Phoenix
Medical Billing & Coding	SouthWest Skill Center	Parent Education	Glendale, Rio Salado, Scottsdale
Medical Billing & Coding - Physician-based	Phoenix	Professional Addictions Counseling	Rio Salado
Medical Coding - Hospital-based	Phoenix		
Medical Front Office	Phoenix	VETERINARY	
Medical Radiography	GateWay	Equine Science	Scottsdale
Medical Transcription	GateWay	Veterinary Technology/Animal Health	Mesa
Perioperative Nursing	GateWay		
Phlebotomy	Phoenix, SouthWest Skill Center		
Physical Therapist Assisting	GateWay		
Polysomnographic Technology	GateWay		
Radiation Therapy	GateWay		
Recovery Support	South Mountain		
Respiratory Care	GateWay		
Spanish Medical Interpreter Program	SouthWest Skill Center		
Speech Language Pathology Assistant	Estrella Mountain		
Surgical Technology	GateWay		
DENTAL			
Clinical Dental Assisting	Rio Salado		
Community Dental Health Coordination	Rio Salado		
Dental Assisting	Phoenix		
Dental Assisting Technology	Rio Salado		
Dental Hygiene	Mesa, Phoenix, Rio Salado		
Dental Office Management	Rio Salado		

Source: <http://www.maricopa.edu/academic/ccta/curric/index.php>