

Philly Career Launch *Industry At-A-Glance*

The Health Care Industry in Philadelphia

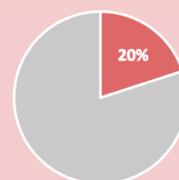
The health care industry provides medical services, makes medical equipment, develops drugs, provides health insurance, or otherwise offers health care to patients.¹

The health care industry in Philadelphia is big: one out of five jobs, or 20 percent, is in health care. Most health care jobs are not doctors or nurses. They are jobs that make the health care system work. You do not need a college degree for two out of three jobs in health care.²

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:

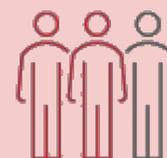
PATIENT-FACING CAREERS	
DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES EKG Technician Dental Technician Phlebotomist Paramedic	THERAPEUTIC SERVICES Nurse Aide Pharmacy Technician Massage Therapist
SYSTEM SUPPORT CAREERS	
SUPPORT SERVICES Biomedical Equipment Technician Sterilization Technician	HEALTH INFORMATICS Medical Coding and Billing Administrative Support

Industry Size



20 percent of all jobs in Philadelphia —one out of five— are in health care

Two out of three health care jobs do not require a college degree or a medical degree



Average Salary

\$41,435

for US health care professions that require certification only, no four-year degree³

Projected Growth



in US health care jobs from 2020 to 2030, the fastest of any other group of jobs in the US

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: Connect with a Workplace Librarian through [a one-on-one appointment](#) to learn about resources and support for career seekers.

Sources: 1- Definition adapted from [Investopedia](#). 2- From [Industry Analytics for the city of Philadelphia's Workforce Strategy](#) by the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia (11/2017). 3- Average calculated from median salaries of occupations where postsecondary nondegree award is required, as listed in [Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS\) Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). 4- From [BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook: Healthcare Occupations](#).