

HEALTH

San Diego County



DID YOU KNOW?

Health is considered a “recession-proof” sector because employment increased during the 2007-2009 recession when most sectors experienced job decline.



13% (18,866)

5-year projected
job growth



\$78,862

average earnings
per job



Sample of Local Employers

AccentCare

Family Health
Centers of San Diego

Kaiser Permanente

Mental Health
Systems

Rady Children's
Hospital

Scripps Health
System

Seaport Home
Health & Hospice

Sharp Health System

St. Paul Senior
Services

UC San Diego
Health System

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN...?

- Caring for people who are sick and suffering
- Researching and performing experiments using the latest technologies
- Collecting data in order to better understand a disease or treatment
- Working collaboratively as part of a team to problem solve
- Being flexible and adaptable to changing situations

DO YOU...?

- Enjoy working on a team
- Pay attention to detail
- Enjoy helping people and being compassionate
- Adapt well to changing situations
- Possess critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Have emotional stability and empathy
- Have good communication skills and the ability to listen
- Prioritize your daily activities successfully



CAREER PATHWAYS & SALARY INFO

Minimum Education	Career Pathways	Hourly Rate (Salary)*
HS Diploma + Postsecondary Training (e.g., Certificate)	Medical Assistants	\$16 (\$33K)
	Home Health Aides	\$12 (\$25K)
	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$23 (\$48K)
	Health Technologists and Technicians	\$18 (\$37K)
Associate Degree or Higher	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$23 (\$48K)
	Respiratory Therapists	\$28 (\$58K)
	Registered Nurses	\$39 (\$81K)
	Dental Hygienists	\$43 (\$89K)

*Entry-level hourly rates have been rounded up and salaries are provided as examples of what workers would make if they worked full-time (2080 hours a year)

NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN?

Take the Interest Profiler on the California Career Zone (cacareerzone.org)! It will help you explore occupations based on your interests. A career counselor at your school can help you further assess your career interests.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS

- Talk to your teachers and counselors about doing career exploration, about career pathways at your school, and about community college programs and tours
- Talk to family, neighbors, and mentors about their education path and about how they chose their career
- To learn about career paths in any industry and the community colleges that offer these programs, visit CareerEd.org



Visit CareerEd.org to find community college programs in Health.