

# HEALTH

San Diego County



## DID YOU KNOW?

Health care plays a multifaceted role in a state's economy, influencing employment, economic activity, government budgets, and the overall well-being of residents. The sector employs around 1.7 million skilled workers across several highly trained and technical occupations. As the population in California is projected to reach 44 million by 2030, the demand for healthcare workers will continue to increase.



**14% (20,867)**

5-year projected job growth



**\$85,840**

average earnings per job



### Sample of Local Employers

AccentCare, Inc.

Family Health Centers of San Diego

Kaiser Permanente Mental Health Systems

Rady Children's Hospital

San Ysidro Health

Scripps Health System

Sharp Health System

St. Paul's Senior Services

UC San Diego Health System

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS:

- Documenting and recording information
- Working with the public
- Helping people
- Active listening
- Speaking, writing skills
- Working with others
- Adapt to changing situations
- Medical terminology
- Customer service
- Detail oriented
- Solving problems

## SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Nurses
- Surgeons
- Radiology Technicians
- Pharmacists

## DID YOU KNOW?

San Diego Mesa College offers a Bachelor's Degree in Health Information Management.

Learn more here:





## CAREER PATHWAYS & SALARY INFO

Minimum Education	Career Pathways	Hourly Rate (Salary)*
HS Diploma + Postsecondary Training (e.g., Certificate)	Community Health Workers	<b>\$19</b> (\$40K)
	Pharmacy Technicians	<b>\$19</b> (\$40K)
	Hearing Aid Specialists	<b>\$20</b> (\$42K)
	Opticians, Dispensing	<b>\$21</b> (\$44K)
Associate Degree or Higher	Medical Assistants	<b>\$18</b> (37K)
	Surgical Assistants	<b>\$22</b> (\$46K)
	Physical Therapist Assistants	<b>\$33</b> (\$69K)
	Respiratory Therapists	<b>\$36</b> (\$75K)
	Physical Therapists	<b>\$45</b> (\$94K)
	Dental Hygienists	<b>\$50</b> (\$104K)

\*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 (<https://www.cacareerzone.org/>)! It will help you explore goals based on your interests.

### HOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS

- Talk to your teachers and counselors about career exploration, career pathways at your school, and community college career education programs.
- Talk to family, neighbors, and mentors about their education path and about how they chose their career.
- To learn more about the career education programs offered at the community colleges or to find the programs that align to the high school CTE pathways or adult schools, visit <https://careered.org/k14-program-finder/>.



Visit [CareerEd.org](https://www.careered.org) to find community college programs in Health.