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Healthcare Career May Be Just What the Doctor Ordered

Young adults find rewarding careers in the healthcare industry

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Healthcare now equals nearly one-fifth of the U.S. economy, and employment opportunities abound in the industry. As the U.S. population ages and medications and treatments advance, the need for healthcare workers is expected to continue growing faster than other sectors of the economy. Young adults deciding on a career may find healthcare is the right prescription for fulfilling their life's dreams.

Wide range of careers available

Doctors and nurses often come to mind for careers within healthcare. However, there is a broad range of other healthcare careers open to new graduates.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists nearly 70 healthcare occupations. These jobs include – audiologists, dental hygienists, dietitians, EMTs and paramedics, medical transcriptionists, pharmacists, phlebotomists, physical therapists, radiation technicians, message therapists and speech pathologists. Veterinary careers are also listed.

In addition, some graduates find a career in the medical field through medical research, dedicating their careers to finding cures and better treatments for debilitating diseases.

Those who prefer to avoid the sight of blood can find rewarding careers in behind-the-scenes support positions that help hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities operate more efficiently. These include employees who handle scheduling, office work, cafeteria service and maintenance. Still others choose work in related fields such as the insurance industry, pharmaceutical manufacturing and medical equipment supply.

Choosing the right study program

Selecting the best study program to meet goals and expectations involves looking at the short-term education expense and long term earning potential of the profession. Some individuals may want to jump into a career sooner, while others don't mind long periods of study to prepare for their chosen profession.

More

The Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the median pay and entry-level education required for each occupation, ranging from a high school diploma or equivalent for an optician to doctoral degrees for surgeons. The entire list can be viewed at bls.gov, search: healthcare.

Whether in healthcare or another field of interest, students can start preparing early for a career. Students should talk with their counselor about taking assessments and exploring interests in high school that can help get them started on a career path.

Interview Tips

- Talk with a healthcare professional in your area to discover what he or she likes best about working in the healthcare industry.
- Ask your school nurse how he or she got into healthcare and for any advice to those looking to break into the profession.
- Poll your student body to see how many people are considering a career in healthcare. If possible, discover what type of healthcare job they are exploring.

About Yes, You Can

Financial education has always been important to American Century Investments, which believes one of the greatest gifts it can offer is the opportunity for children and young adults to learn how to achieve financial independence.

Yes, You Can is based, in part, on the beliefs of Jim Stowers, founder of American Century Investments and co-founder, with Virginia Stowers, of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research. For more information on the *Yes, You Can* program, visit <http://www.YesYouCanOnline.info>.

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