

Healthcare Careers

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CAREERS REQUIRING A TECHNICAL DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE OR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Health Career	State Licensure Required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration available?
Coder	no	yes
Community Health Worker	no	no
Dental Assistant	no	yes
Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic	yes	yes
Health Informatics Professional	no	yes
Home Health Aide/Personal & Home Care Aide	no	yes
Licensed Practical Nurse	yes	yes
Massage Therapist	yes	yes
Medical Assistant	no	yes
Medical Interpreter	no	yes
Medical Secretary	no	yes
Medical Transcriptionist	no	yes
Nursing Assistant	no* *certification required	yes
Optician	yes	yes
Pharmacy Technician	no	yes
Phlebotomist	no	yes
Radiation Therapist	no	yes
Radiologic Technologist* *By 2015 all programs must be at the associate degree level	no	yes
Sonographer	no	yes
Surgical Technologist	no	yes

CAREERS REQUIRING AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR HIGHER

Health Career	State Licensure Required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration available?
Biomedical Equipment Technician	no	yes
Clinical Laboratory Technician	no* *certification required	yes
Cardiovascular Technologist	no	yes

Health Career	State Licensure Required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration available?
Dental Hygienist	yes	yes
Dietetic Technician	no	yes
Health Information Technician	no	yes
Histotechnician	no	yes
Human Services Worker	no	yes
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	no	yes
Nurse Registered (RN)	yes	yes
Occupational Therapy Assistant	yes	yes
Physical Therapy Assistant	yes	no
Polysomnographic Technologist	no	yes
Respiratory Therapist	yes	yes
Veterinary Technician	yes	yes

**CAREERS REQUIRING A
BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER**

Health Career	State Licensure Required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration available?
Athletic Trainer	yes	yes
Biomedical Engineer	no	yes
Clinical Laboratory Scientist/Medical Technologist	no* *certification required	yes
Cytotechnologist	no	yes
Dietitian	yes	no
Environmental Health Specialist	no	yes
Forensic Scientist	no	yes
Geneticist	yes* *only for physicians working as geneticists	yes* *only for geneticists with an M.D. or Ph.D.
Health Educator	no	yes
Health Information Administrator	no	yes
Healthcare Administrator	yes* *only for nursing home administrators	yes
Histotechnologist	no	yes
Industrial Hygienist	no	yes
Music Therapist	yes	yes
Perfusionist	yes	yes
Recreational Therapist	no	yes
Social Worker	yes	yes

**CAREERS REQUIRING A
MASTER'S DEGREE OR HIGHER**

Health Career	Degree Requirement M – Master's degree DOC – Doctoral degree AC – Advanced Certificate (specialization added on to a Bachelor's or Master's degree)	State Licensure Required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration available?
Acupuncturist	M or DOC	yes	yes
Anesthesiologist Assistant	M	yes	yes
Audiologist	DOC	yes	yes
Biostatistician	M or DOC	no	yes
Chiropractor	DOC	no* *certification required	yes
Clinical Nurse Specialist	M	yes	yes
Counselor	M	yes	yes
Creative Arts Therapist* *excluding Music Therapists	M	no	yes
Dentist	DOC	yes	no
Doctor of Medicine	DOC	yes	yes
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	DOC	yes	yes
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	DOC	yes	yes
Dosimetrist	M	no	yes
Epidemiologist	M	no	no
Genetic Counselor	M	no* *certification required	yes
Health Sciences Librarian	M	no	yes
Medical Illustrator	M	no	yes
Nurse Anesthetist	M or DOC	yes	yes
Nurse Educator	M or DOC	yes	yes
Nurse-Midwife	M	yes	yes
Nurse Practitioner	M or DOC	yes	yes
Occupational Therapist	M	yes	yes
Optometrist	DOC	yes	no
Pharmacist	DOC	yes	yes
Physical Therapist	DOC	yes	yes
Physician Assistant	M	yes	yes
Prosthetist Orthotist	M	yes	yes
Psychologist	M or DOC	yes	yes
Public Health Professional for more information, visit www.pathwaystopublichealth.org	M	no	yes
Speech/Language Pathologist	M or DOC	yes	yes
Veterinarian	DOC	yes	yes