



Exploring Healthcare Careers in Will County

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Industry Overview

It takes a network of connected and specialized services to make up the healthcare industry. Nursing homes, hospitals, doctors' offices, outpatient surgery centers and other facilities all provide a wide range of healthcare services.

Overall, they share a common goal of providing services to treat illness, maintain wellness and manage disease. For workers in healthcare, helping people is the core of their jobs.

- **Are you strong in science or mathematics?**
- **Do you like to help others?**
- **Do you like to work in teams, share information and solve problems?**
- **Is living a healthy lifestyle important to you?**



In-Demand Healthcare Jobs

The Workforce Services Division of Will County has identified 19 high-demand jobs with available training programs in the healthcare field, which are listed on the back page with related wage and training information. Certain healthcare occupations may require testing or licensure. Most require drug testing and criminal background checks.

Outlook & Growth

In Will County, employment in the healthcare industry is projected to grow 17% through 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations, creating about 2,400 job openings. In fact, healthcare occupations will add more jobs than any other group of occupations.



Training

Jobs in Will County's healthcare industry require education and training after high school, yet they don't always require a four year degree. Depending on your career interests and professional goals, you can choose a training program from several weeks to more than four years. Here are some examples below:

1 Year or less

Certificate Program

- Dental Assistant
- Nursing Assistant
- Patient Care Technician

2 Years

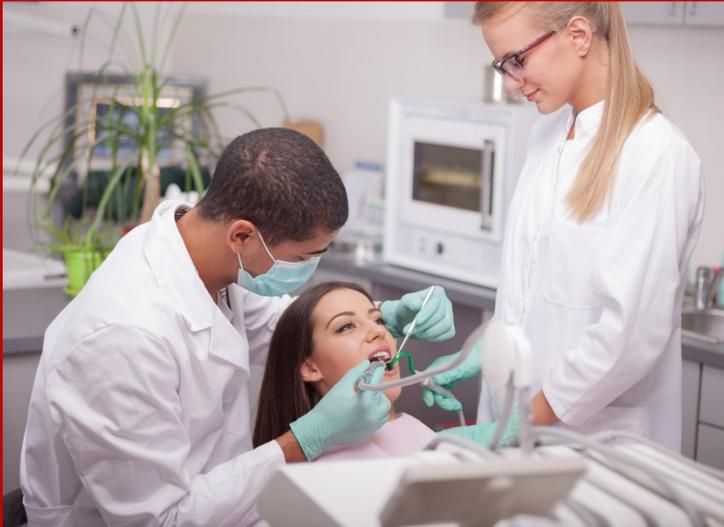
Associate Degree

- Dental Hygienist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Registered Nurse

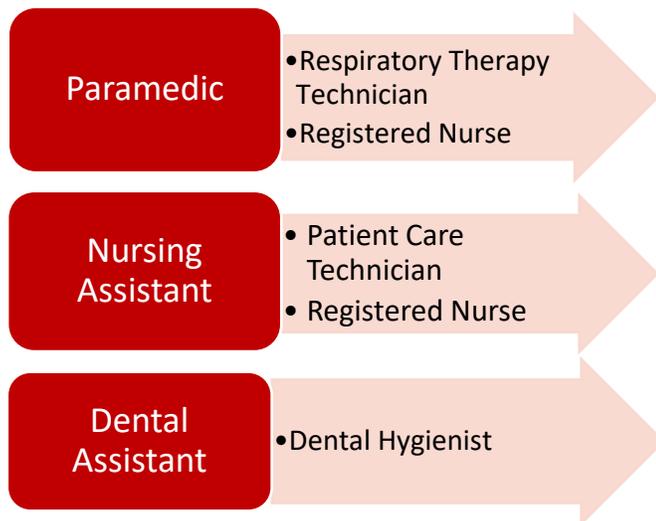
Jobs4people.org provides information about careers in healthcare and includes local Will County job postings, training programs and advice on how to find financial aid. It is a resource which will introduce you to healthcare jobs in Will County and help you figure out which ones could be the right fit for you.

Career Opportunities

There are many job specializations and opportunities within the field of healthcare. Whether you are interested in assisting medical doctors, responding to emergencies, supervising teams of experts, utilizing and maintaining medical equipment or organizing medical records and information, there are a variety of professions within this industry.



Of course, you don't have to stick to one career pathway. You may start in one career, and advance with experience and education into something different. Here are some healthcare career pathway examples:



These career pathway examples are just a way to get you started – the next step is up to you!

Required Skills & Abilities

Although completing the required technical training is critical to landing a job in healthcare, there are additional skills employers also look for. To move ahead in, and even begin your career, you will need to demonstrate good interpersonal and communication skills.



How many of the top 9 healthcare interpersonal skills do you see in yourself?

1. **Communication**
2. **Dealing with criticism**
3. **Dealing with pressure**
4. **Empathy**
5. **Flexibility**
6. **Self-confidence**
7. **Strong work ethic**
8. **Team player**
9. **Time management**

