



Career Community:

Health



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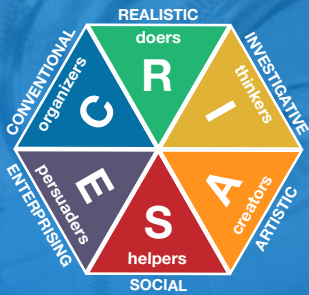


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Do you desire to help, heal and care for others?

These programs lead to careers in nursing and health-related occupations in a hospital or healthcare setting: dental, dietary, health information management, message therapy, medical coding, medical assisting, medical instrument sterilization, medical laboratory, ophthalmic technology, physical therapy assistant, occupational therapy assistant, respiratory care, surgical technologies and pre-medical transfer pathways.

Critical skills and abilities

- active listening
- critical thinking
- decision making
- monitoring
- oral communication
- problem sensitivity
- social perceptiveness

Technical skills and knowledge

- customer and personal service
- education and training
- electronic mail software
- medical software
- psychology

Short-term certificates in this Career Community

- dietary manager
- massage therapy
- medical assisting
- medical billing specialist
- medical coding
- medical instrumentation sterilization technician
- phlebotomy technician
- surgical assisting technology

Some local employers with openings in this career community

Akron Children's
Aspen Dental
Aultman Health
Cleveland Clinic
Gables Senior Living
Hudec Dental
Mercy Medical
Oriana House
Summa
Western Reserve Hospital

Consider these and other careers

job title/description	Entry-level annual wage	Canton average annual wage	Akron average annual wage
dental hygienist ⚡ clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop x rays, or apply fluoride or sealants	58,250	64,400	71,900
licensed practical nurse (LPN) ⚡ care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse	38,500	46,200	47,200
medical assistant perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by physician	26,950	35,400	33,100
occupational therapy assistant ⚡ assist occupational therapists in providing occupational therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, direct activity programs, and document the progress of treatments	46,100	58,400	60,700
physical therapy assistant ⚡ assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist	47,700	62,000	61,700
registered nurse (RN) ⚡ assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required	55,100	66,500	69,000
respiratory therapist ⚡ assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment	49,550	60,100	57,500
surgical technologist ⚡ assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments	37,650	46,600	48,300

⚡ = high-demand, good-paying occupation: at least 1,000 job openings projected over 10-years (2022-2032) in the northeast Ohio region (9 counties in Akron, Canton and Cleveland MSA's) and jobs pay at least \$15/hour

* may require further education; an advisor will help you determine your pathway

source: JobsEQ® 2020

Majors in this Career Community

Some programs may require background check.

EXPLORATORY MAJOR

If you know this career community is the right fit for you but you're unsure of your major, choose the **health exploratory major** to get started in the right direction. Your first 15 credit hours are applicable to all majors within this career community and you'll get the experience to know which major is right for you.

ALLIED DENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DENTAL ASSISTING

Offered days and evenings, the curriculum includes instruction in dental sciences, materials, radiography, dental insurance claim processing, preventative dentistry and general chair-side procedures. After two semesters, you can earn a career enhancement certificate and are eligible to sit for the Ohio certification exam and you can become eligible for the Ohio dental radiographer's certificate. You also can continue on for an associate degree in dental assisting. Graduates work in dental offices, dental clinics and public health facilities.

DENTAL HYGIENE

As a hygienist, you'll clean teeth and examine the oral cavity and head/neck region for signs of disease, educate patients about oral health and oral hygiene, expose and process dental radiographs and apply fluoride and dental sealants. Along with academic work, you'll get supervised experience in Stark State's on-campus Dental Hygiene Clinic. Graduates, who are eligible to take national and regional board exams for licensure, can work in dental offices, public health departments, nursing homes, school systems, private industry and academic institutions or for dental sales manufacturers. This career features excellent salaries and scheduling flexibility.

EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY

Prepare for a career as an advanced restorative dental professional employed by private dental offices, dental clinics and other public health dental facilities. The program requires you to be a certified dental assistant (Ohio or national certification), a registered dental hygienist or a dental hygiene student in your final year of training in an ADA-accredited degree program. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for an Ohio EFDA certification exam or CDCA exam.

DENTAL PRACTICE COORDINATION

As the liaison between the patient and the dentist, a dental practice coordinator is a high-profile position. You'll serve as an advocate and educator, working closely with the doctor to ensure the dental patient understands the treatment and why it's needed, then coordinate the treatment plan to work for both the patient and the dental office. You'll also coordinate financial resources and/or insurance requirements and billing practices, as well as greet patients, schedule appointments, answer phones and other dental office responsibilities.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

As a registered health information technician (RHIT), you'll manage medical records and health information systems while protecting the privacy and security of patient information and code health information for reimbursement and research. The four-semester program begins each fall, resulting in an associate degree in HIT. Our grads are eligible to take the national certification exam and also can continue on for a bachelor's degree in health information management via distance learning.

NURSING

NURSING, CONCEPT-BASED

Combine technology with caring to help people achieve and maintain optimal health. The associate degree nurse can practice in a variety of settings: hospitals, long-term and extended-care facilities, clinics and other health care agencies. Stark State College's accredited ADN program consists of five semesters of academic coursework and hands-on learning experiences in the classroom, learning laboratory and clinical settings. Graduates are qualified to take the licensing exam for registered nurses.

RN COMPLETION FOR LPNS, CONCEPT-BASED

Graduates of an approved practical nurse program can move to registered nurse status via this program. LPNs seeking consideration for advanced standing admission to Stark State's ADN program must meet a number of requirements.

RN COMPLETION FOR PARAMEDICS, CONCEPT-BASED

Graduates of an accredited paramedic program can transition into nursing, capitalizing on their emergency services training skills. This program, offering paramedics the associate degree nursing education required for licensure and a foundation to pursue further education in nursing, features both classroom and Web instruction to accommodate paramedic work schedules.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING

You can work in all medical areas, such as hospitals, nursing homes, health care clinics and even in a patient's home. Upon completion of the program, you'll receive a graduation certificate and will then be eligible to sit for the NCLEX PN exam to receive licensure. Our practical nursing program consists of two semesters of academic coursework and hands-on learning experiences in the classroom, learning laboratory and clinical settings. This program will prepare you to qualify for the licensing examination for licensed practical nurses.

RESPIRATORY, LABORATORY AND SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

MEDICAL INSTRUMENT STERILIZATION TECHNICIAN

Work in the sterile processing area of a hospital, outpatient surgical center or outpatient clinic, decontaminating and sterilizing medical and surgical equipment/instruments. The MIST program consists of both a lecture and clinical component, with the lecture portion offered only online. You'll be trained in the cleaning, processing, packaging, distributing, storing and inventory control of sterile goods, instruments, surgical trays and medical equipment. Graduates are eligible to take the national certification exam to become a certified sterile processing and distribution technician.

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

Analyze the blood, tissues and fluids in the human body using precision instruments. Technicians assist in performing complicated chemical, microscopic and bacteriological tests and may also type and cross-match blood samples. Graduates of this accredited program are eligible to take the certification exam through the American Society of Clinical Pathology. This accredited program gets regular input from local business and industry, so you'll get an education tailored to the job market.

RESPIRATORY CARE

Assess, treat, manage and diagnostically evaluate patients with lung and heart problems. You may work in diagnostic departments, critical care units, emergency departments, nursery and delivery rooms and general medical and surgical hospital floors as well as long-term acute care facilities, home care, sleep labs and other specialty care area. You'll train in adult, pediatric and neonatal care. Graduates of this accredited program are eligible to take the national credentialing exam to become a registered respiratory therapist.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

You'll prepare the operating room and instrumentation for the procedure, may assist with preparation of the patient for surgery and assist the operating room team during surgery. You'll experience classroom, lab and clinical learning that includes completing 120+ surgical cases. Graduates of this accredited program are eligible to take the certification exam to become a certified surgical technologist.

THERAPY AND WELLNESS

DIETARY MANAGER

You'll assist with nutrition therapy, dietetics, employee management and food safety, all under the direction of a dietitian in a variety of health care facilities, including nursing homes, rehab facilities, senior living communities, hospitals, correctional facilities and schools. Earn a certificate or an associate degree. Both include classroom and field experience making you eligible to take the national certification exam. A dietary manager credential also allows you to work in the field while pursuing an advanced degree.

DIETETIC TECHNICIAN

Become a registered professional in the food and nutrition area, working under the supervision of a registered dietitian independently or as part of a team. Stark State's associate degree includes both lecture and hands-on experiences in required areas of competency. After graduation, you'll be eligible to take the national computer-based registration exam. The employment outlook is expected to grow for dietetic technicians in nursing homes, residential care facilities and physician clinics.

MASSAGE THERAPY

Apply specific techniques to the muscular structures and soft tissues of the human body to relieve pain and restore function. You'll learn proficiency of hands-on skills as well as extensive knowledge of anatomy, physiology and massage therapy theory. Our certificate program can be completed in four semesters, while the associate degree program takes five semesters. Program graduates are eligible to take state licensing exams, giving them status as limited medical practitioners able to work in private practice as well as in hospitals, clinics, spas, doctor and chiropractor offices and many other venues.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Work under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist to help patients achieve maximum independence in activities of daily living, work, leisure and play, education and social participation. Occupational therapy personnel work in hospitals, extended care facilities, schools, workshops, mental health centers, clinics and home-health agencies. Graduates of this accredited program are eligible to take the national certification exam and the state licensure exam.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Help therapists in testing patients to determine the extent of their capabilities, then implement the therapist's treatment plan. The assistant uses a variety of specialized equipment and various forms of heat, cold, light and electricity. You may help patients perform therapeutic exercises to strengthen, stretch or relax muscles, promote circulation or enhance coordination. Graduates of our accredited program will be eligible to apply to take state licensure exams.

PRE-MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL CONCENTRATION

If you're interested in pursuing a career as a physician, pharmacist, dentist or a veterinarian, you'll want to consider this associate of science pre-medical professional degree as your first step. You'll get the foundational coursework in the sciences and math required for most pre-medical professional degrees. Our courses are taught by highly credentialed faculty in a small classroom setting, promoting discussions between you and your instructor and you and your peers. Our laboratory facilities have been ranked as centers of excellence, giving you hands-on experience in today's lab techniques. Best of all, most of our courses will transfer to public universities in Ohio. You're encouraged to contact the university where you plan to complete your bachelor's degree to determine which electives are best suited for your program.

Stark State College partners with the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) for students interested in becoming a pharmacist. Complete all pre-requisite course work at Stark State and directly apply to the College of Pharmacy at NEOMED. No bachelor's degree needed. Not only do you get a high quality education, but also strong support and advising from both Stark State and NEOMED.




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