



Health Sciences Career Ladder

Now

Less than high school + work experience, on-the-job training, or apprenticeship; or High school diploma/equivalent

Occupation	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Home Health Aides	\$11.03	\$12.50	340
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	\$9.78	\$12.67	106
Physical Therapist Aides	\$10.42	\$12.22	88
Opticians, Dispensing	\$12.01	\$16.93	65

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate degree; or Bachelor's degree

Occupation	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Registered Nurses	\$23.43	\$29.85	1,600
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$16.86	\$20.10	477
Dental Assistants	\$13.74	\$17.75	292
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$16.82	\$23.98	118

Later

Bachelor's degree + on-the-job training, work experience, or internship/residency; Master's degree; or Doctoral/professional degree

Occupation	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Physical Therapists	\$25.64	\$36.97	130
Nurse Practitioners	\$36.15	\$46.54	90
Veterinarians	\$25.00	\$36.25	56
Family and General Physicians	\$70.84	\$112.00	59

More data can be found at NEworks.nebraska.gov; click *Labor Market Analysis*.

Equal Opportunity Program/Employer TDD: 800.833.7352

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Entry-level wages are defined as the average (mean) wage earned by the lowest third of all workers in the selected occupation.
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Annual openings from 2016-2026 Long-term Occupational Projections
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