



# Health Sciences Career Ladder

## Now

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

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Pharmacy Technicians	\$14.44	59
Home Health Aides	\$12.04	80

## Next

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

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Dental Hygienists	\$31.84	35
Registered Nurses	\$28.90	840
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$24.63	39
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.46	273
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	\$19.22	60

## Later

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

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Pharmacists	\$49.37	73
Nurse Practitioners	\$44.65	46
Physical Therapists	\$36.48	82
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$31.02	46
Dietitians and Nutritionists	\$26.08	16

More data can be found at [NEworks.nebraska.gov](http://NEworks.nebraska.gov); click *Labor Market Analysis*.

Equal Opportunity Program/Employer TDD: 800.833.7352

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Long-term Occupational Projections

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