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Dear Future Healthcare Professional!

The Nevada Health Workforce Research Center and Nevada Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program based at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine are pleased to present the eighth edition of Health Care Careers in Nevada. Over the past decade, more than fifty thousand copies of the guide have been distributed to students, parents, and educators in every school district in Nevada.

The 2026-2027 edition of Health Care Careers in Nevada contains information for over 80 health care occupations, including a job overview, employment outlook, and average salary for each occupation. The guide also provides an inventory of available educational certificates, degree programs, and state boards and agencies responsible for licensing health professionals in Nevada.

Health Care Careers in Nevada is primarily targeted to middle school and high school students interested in exploring careers in medicine, nursing, oral health, pharmacy, and other health care fields. The guide is also valuable for college students, parents of school-aged children, and anyone interested in learning about health care educational opportunities available in Nevada.

Currently, 152,032 Nevadans are employed in the health care industry which includes ambulatory care services, hospitals, nursing, and residential care facilities. These businesses employ a wide range of clinical and non-clinical jobs, comprising 10.2% of the total workforce. Twenty of the 100 fastest growing occupations in Nevada are in health care.

Between 2025 and 2035, the health care sector in Nevada is projected to add 25,248 jobs – an increase of 15.8%. Over the next decade, job growth across all industries within the health sector is expected to exceed the rate for the entire Nevada economy (6.9%).

In conclusion, with population growth and an expanding economy, health care jobs in Nevada will continue to represent well-paying, recession-resistant employment for thousands of young Nevadans poised to enter the state's workforce over the next decade.

Our hope is that the latest edition of the Health Care Careers in Nevada can assist anyone interested in exploring the wide range of employment opportunities in health care over the next decade.



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Please share your comments, suggestions, and requests for additional copies with Laima Etchegoyhen at laimae@med.unr.edu.

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NEVADA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAM

The Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program was established by Congress in 1971 to improve health care in underserved and underrepresented communities across the country. The Nevada AHEC Program was created by the Nevada Legislature in 1987. Its mission is to address shortages of health care professionals in both rural and urban areas.

There are three AHEC centers in Nevada. These centers serve as a bridge between academic health programs and local communities in all seventeen Nevada counties. They work to expand the health care workforce by offering health career curricula to students interested in pursuing health professions.

The AHEC Scholars Program provides college students with hands-on learning opportunities that supplement their education and experiences in rural and underserved areas. It also emphasizes interprofessional education, enabling students to develop skills they can apply in their future professional practice.



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CAREER EDUCATION PATHWAY

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO CAREERS, PROFESSIONALS TO COMMUNITIES, AND COMMUNITIES TO BETTER HEALTH.



K-12 INITIATIVES

Expanding the young minds of students representing both underserved and rural communities through the provision of innovative hands-on exploration and valuable touch points with AHEC Ambassadors who provide impactful mentorship, health-based education, and healthcare career readiness.

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

Building an interdisciplinary, diverse, and enthusiastic team of community leaders who share the AHEC mission through civic engagement, peer-to-peer outreach and education, and professional development opportunities while acquiring both non-profit and public health experiences.



GRADUATE & DOCTORATE LEVEL

Enhancing the future healthcare workforce through leadership training and team-based approaches to address health disparities, completion of comprehensive coursework, and engagement with rural and underserved patient populations.

PROFESSIONAL LEVEL

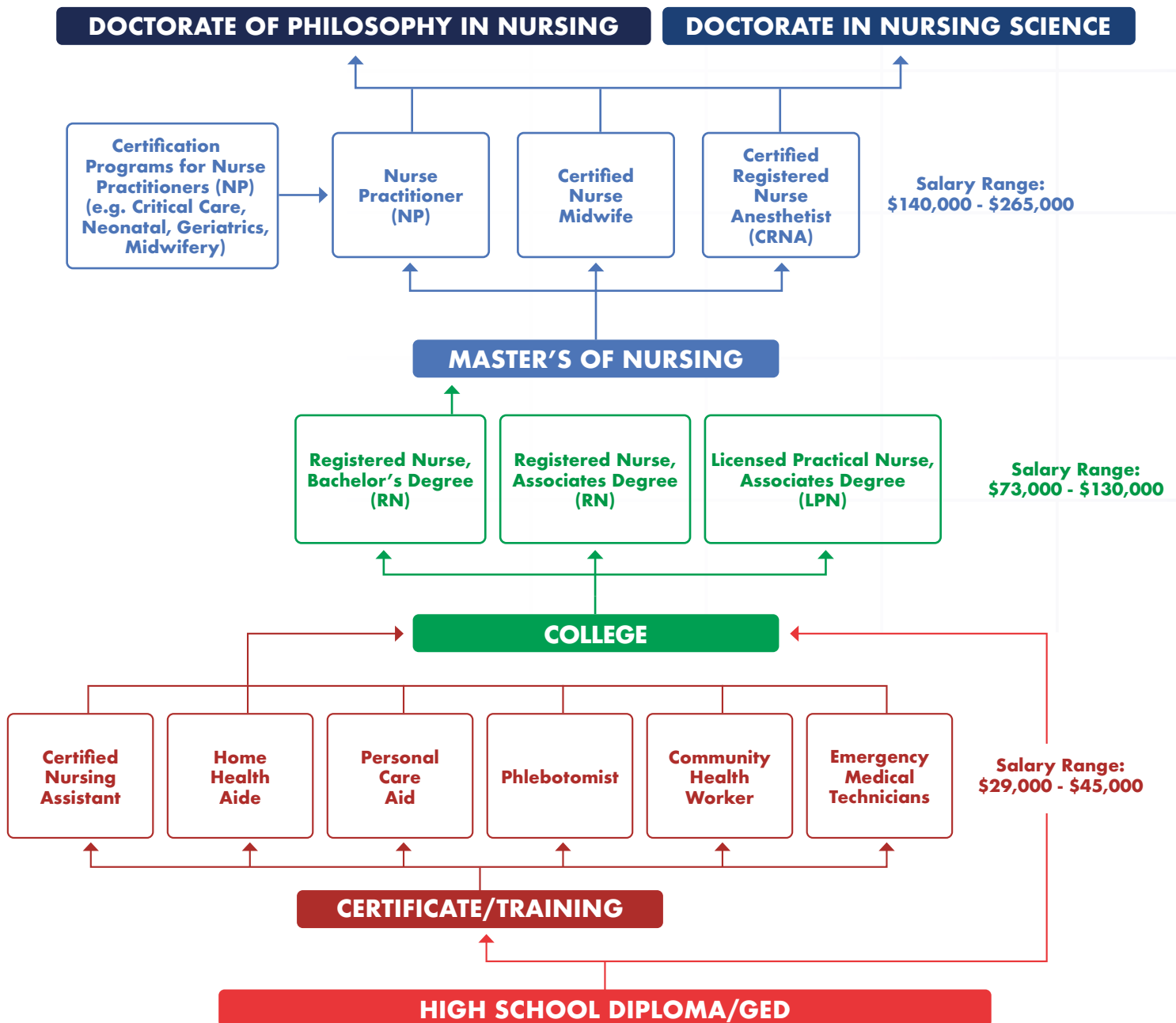
Offering highly effective continuing education for practicing professionals, addressing current and emergent health-related issues that ensure best practices to improve patient outcomes. Through a variety of partnerships and technology platforms we are capable in reaching statewide audiences to ensure the expansion of networking and resources for our practicing professionals.



BECOMING A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL: NURSING



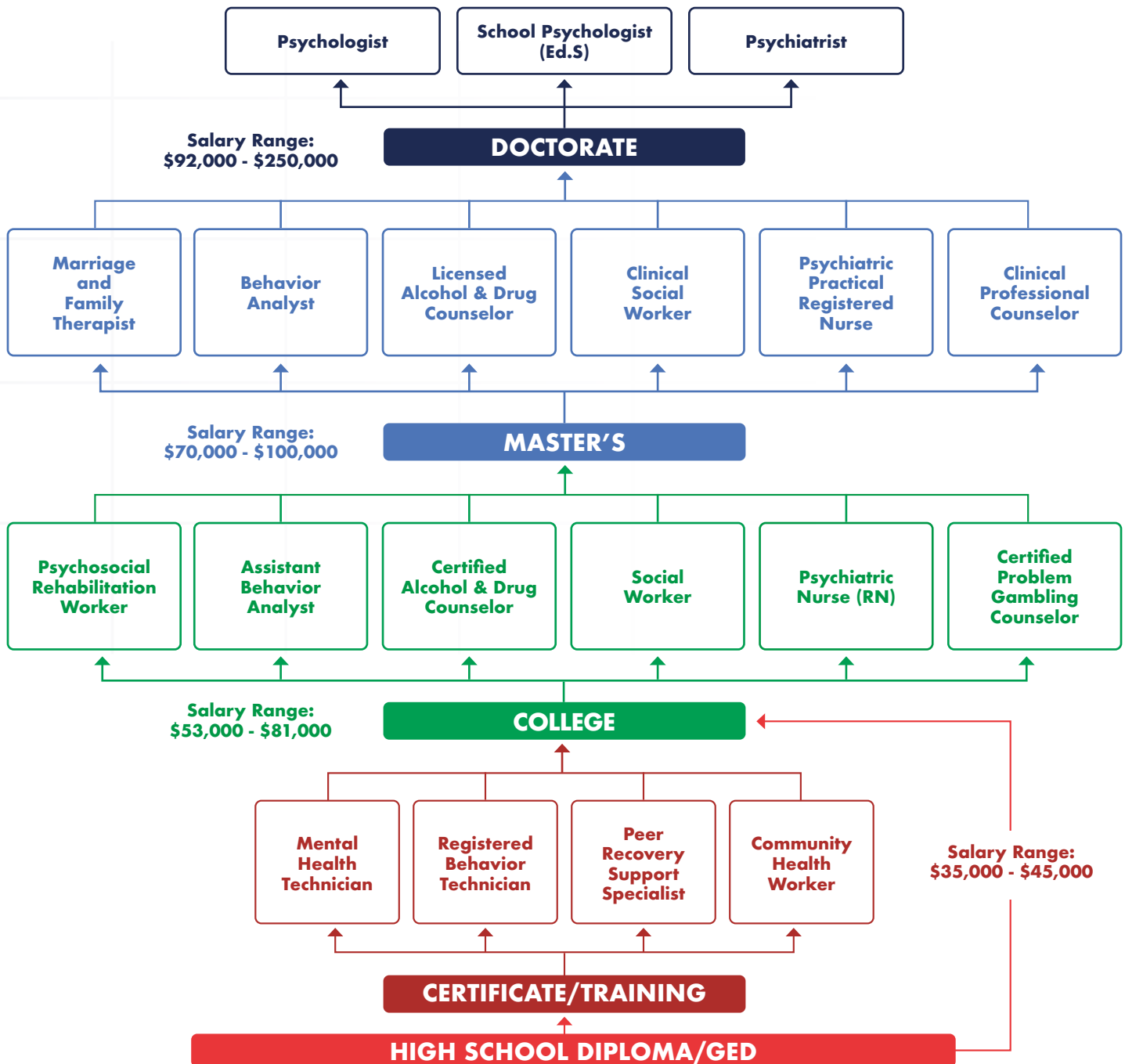
The graph illustrates a potential career pathway to becoming a nurse. An individual can enter the healthcare field right after high school, gaining working experience while attending school at the same time. Each step outlines how one can build on their education and experience to advance in a nursing career. This example may also be applied in other healthcare professions.



BECOMING A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL: MENTAL HEALTH



The graph illustrates a potential career pathway for becoming a mental health professional. It shows how an individual can enter the healthcare field soon after high school with short-term training, and then continue to build on their education and experience to advance in a mental health career.





MEDICINE AND ALLIED MEDICINE

Salary Range: \$220,000 to \$650,000

Employment | 7,570 are licensed in Nevada, including over 5,390 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 2,303 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Medical Doctors (MDs) and Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs), are commonly referred to as physicians or doctors. They are highly trained healthcare professionals who diagnose, treat, and prevent various medical conditions and diseases.

MDs practice allopathic medicine, also called mainstream or Western medicine. MDs manage and treat symptoms and diseases using medications, radiation, and surgery. DOs use a combination of traditional medical practices and osteopathic manipulative treatment, a hands-on technique, to help patients improve or maintain their health. DOs focus on the body's musculoskeletal system, preventive medicine, and holistic patient care. MDs and DOs work in various medical specialties, including primary care, surgery, and behavioral health.

Physicians are responsible for providing medical care to patients. They examine patients, take medical histories, order and interpret diagnostic tests, and develop treatment plans. They also promote preventive medicine by talking with patients about healthy lifestyles and disease prevention through vaccinations, screening, and behavior change. A physician may refer patients to other specialists or practitioners. They coordinate care for their patients with nurses, social workers, rehabilitation therapists, pharmacists, psychologists, and other health care providers.

Physicians undergo extensive education and training. After high school, this takes from 11 to 15 years. Physicians begin with a four-year bachelor's degree, followed by four years of medical school, and then three to seven years of residency training. Many physicians choose to specialize in areas such as cardiology, surgery, pediatrics, or internal medicine. Medicine is a constantly evolving field. To keep their skills current, physicians complete continuing medical education courses to maintain their license and provide the best care to their patients.

Physicians may work in hospitals as part of a team coordinating patient care. They may also practice in private offices or clinics. In a hospital, physicians share responsibility for treating patients with nurses, medical assistants, therapists, technicians, technologists, and other health professionals. Physicians also work in research, academia, or with health maintenance organizations, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, health insurance companies, or in corporations directing health and safety programs.



At-a-Glance

- Physicians help patients improve or maintain their health
- Work in medical offices, clinics, hospitals, other health care facilities, or medical schools
- Education and training takes eleven to fifteen years
- Must have a doctorate in medicine
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Las Vegas) – Doctorate (MD)
- Touro University, Nevada (Henderson) – Doctorate (DO)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Doctorate (MD)
- University of Nevada, Reno – Doctorate (MD)

Areas of Specialization

- Aerospace Medicine
- Allergy and Immunology
- Anesthesiology
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Forensic Pathology
- Gastroenterology
- General Preventive Medicine
- General Surgery
- Geriatric Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Medical Genetics
- Neurological Surgery
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Occupational Medicine
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology
- Pediatric Cardiology
- Pediatrics
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Plastic Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Public Health and Preventive Medicine
- Pulmonary Disease
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Sports Medicine
- Thoracic Surgery
- Transplant Surgery
- Urology
- Vascular Medicine

FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN

Average Salary **\$238,400** | \$115 per hour

Employment | 938 are licensed in Nevada, including 598 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 251 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Family medicine physicians provide comprehensive preventive care across the lifespan, serving as the patient's first contact for any health concerns. They conduct routine checkups, health risk assessments, immunizations, screening tests, lifestyle counseling, and more. They also treat chronic diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

Family medicine physicians track their patients' medical histories, reports, and examination results. They advise patients on diet, physical activity, and disease prevention. To diagnose a condition, they may order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests. Family medicine physicians monitor patients' progress and adjust treatments as needed. They explain procedures, discuss test results, and prescribe treatments. When necessary, they refer patients to medical specialists or other practitioners and coordinate additional care.

Family medicine physicians primarily work in private offices or clinics. They increasingly work with a team of health professionals including nurses, medical assistants, and other support staff.

Advances in medicine require family medicine physicians to update their skills regularly by completing continuing medical education courses. Major areas of specialization within family medicine include geriatric medicine and sports medicine.

At-a-Glance

- Family medicine physicians typically work in outpatient settings, such as offices and clinics
- Manage and treat illness across the lifespan
- Must have a doctorate in medicine
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- Salary ranges from \$180,000 to \$300,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University, Nevada (Henderson)
 - Doctorate (DO)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate (MD)
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Doctorate (MD)

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Average Salary: \$45,060 | \$22 per hour

Employment | 7,440 are employed in Nevada, including 5,590 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 1,180 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Medical assistants (MAs) support physicians, registered nurses, and other medical staff by performing both administrative and clinical duties. They carry out routine treatments, conduct lab tests, and maintain office records. Medical assistants also take medical histories and record a patient's weight, pulse rate, blood pressure, and other vital signs. With additional training, some MAs draw blood or take x-rays. They explain treatments to patients and prepare them for the rest of their medical examination or appointment.

Medical assistants follow directions from physicians. They assist doctors during patient examinations, collect and prepare laboratory specimens, perform basic lab tests, and instruct patients about medication and special diets. MAs record electrocardiograms (EKGs), change bandages, remove stitches, or administer medications. After a patient has been seen, medical assistants prepare the room for the next patient.

Medical assistants also have clerical duties. They answer telephones, greet patients, escort them to exam rooms, and update medical records. They fill out insurance forms, schedule appointments, and assist patients with hospital admission and lab services. Although certification and additional training are available, only a high school diploma is needed to begin working. Increasingly, health care employers are offering paid apprenticeships for students training to become medical assistants. Many health professionals begin their career as a medical assistant.

At-a-Glance

- Medical assistants work in medical offices, clinics, hospitals, and other health care facilities
- Education and training typically last one year
- Employers are increasingly seeking certified MAs
- Salary ranges from \$38,000 to \$49,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Carrington College (Las Vegas, Reno)
 - Certificate, Associate
- College of Southern Nevada (Henderson, Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas College
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas Medical Assistant School (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Medical Skills for Life Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Milan Institute (Las Vegas, Sparks)
 - Certificate
- Nevada Career Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Unitek College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Certified Medical Assistant
- Clinical Assistant
- Doctor's Assistant
- Laboratory Assistant
- Medical Office Assistant
- Patient Service Representative

OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST

Average Salary: \$325,100 | \$156 per hour

Employment | 367 are licensed in Nevada, including 275 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 80 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

An obstetrician/gynecologist (OB/GYN) is a physician who treats women before, during, and after childbirth. The obstetrician/gynecologist definition is a combination of two types of medicine. Obstetrics focus on pregnancy and related matters. Gynecologists focus on the medical needs of women in general. Some perform medical and gynecological surgery, such as cesarean sections or hysterectomies.

Obstetricians/Gynecologists work in variety of settings, including private offices or clinics, hospital inpatient care, large group practices, academic faculty positions, or obstetric surgery. To become an obstetrician/gynecologist, a physician must complete education and training in managing pregnancy, labor, the post-partum period, and the female reproductive system.

Obstetricians/Gynecologists are knowledgeable about the female reproductive system, pregnancy, childbirth, preventative care, the detection of sexually transmitted diseases, and oncology. They diagnose, treat, and help prevent health issues that only affect women. Advances in medicine require obstetricians/gynecologists to regularly update their skills through continuing medical education courses. Major areas of specialization in obstetrics/gynecology include gynecologic oncology, female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery, and maternal and fetal medicine.

At-a-Glance

- Obstetricians/Gynecologists treat female patients
- Usually work in offices, clinics, or hospitals
- Must have a doctorate in medicine
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- Salary ranges from \$244,000 to \$454,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University, Nevada (Henderson)
 - Doctorate (DO)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate (MD)
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Doctorate (MD)



Average Salary: \$251,300 | \$121 per hour

Employment | 456 are licensed in Nevada, including 356 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 411 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Pediatricians are doctors who care for children from birth to young adulthood, focusing on their physical, emotional, and social health. They examine children's growth and development. They diagnose diseases and injuries, and prescribe treatments, therapy, medications, and vaccinations.

Pediatricians collect, record, and maintain health information from children and their families, such as medical history, reports, and examination results. They monitor children's conditions, progress, and adjust treatments as needed. Pediatricians advise parents or guardians on diet, activity, hygiene, and disease prevention. They explain procedures, discuss test results, and prescribe treatments. A pediatrician may refer children to medical specialists or other practitioners when necessary. They will also coordinate work with nurses, social workers, rehabilitation therapists, pharmacists, psychologists, and other health care providers.

Pediatricians work in many different settings. They often practice as part of a team coordinating care for a population of patients or in private offices or clinics. In hospitals, pediatricians and pediatric specialists share the responsibility of treating their young patients alongside nurses, medical assistants, therapists, technicians, technologists, and other health professionals.

To provide their patients with the best care and to meet licensing requirements, pediatricians regularly update their skills through continuing medical education courses. They can also complete fellowships to become specialists, such as pediatric cardiologists and pediatric oncologists.

At-a-Glance

- Pediatricians work with children and their families to improve or maintain their health
- Work in offices, clinics, or hospitals
- Must have a doctorate in medicine
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- Salary ranges from \$224,500 to \$302,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University, Nevada (Henderson)
 - Doctorate (DO)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate (MD)
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Doctorate (MD)

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA)

Average Salary: \$133,450 | \$64 per hour

Employment | 1,190 are licensed in Nevada, including 782 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 355 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Physician assistants (PAs) provide a broad range of medical services, including diagnostic, therapeutic, preventative, and health maintenance services. PAs diagnose and treat common illnesses and can prescribe medicine under a physician's supervision. The working relationship between a PA and a doctor is fundamental to the profession and enhances the quality of care provided to their patients. The practice of PAs focuses on patient care and may include educational, research, and administrative activities.

Physician assistants' work includes providing primary and specialty care in medical and surgical practice settings. Many PAs work in primary care areas, such as family medicine and pediatrics. Others work in specialty areas, such as surgery, emergency medicine, and geriatrics. Duties vary with the specialty. For example, some PAs work as an assistant to doctors in surgery. Other PAs manage doctors' offices and supervise technicians and other assistants. In areas where doctors are in short supply, PAs may be the only providers of health care. In all settings they are required to consult with physicians.

Other duties involve basic diagnostic care, such as interviewing patients, performing physical exams, and ordering lab tests. There are more complex tasks assigned to the PA, such as setting simple fractures, giving shots, and running electrocardiograms (EKG). Their training includes dealing with many medical emergencies. PAs develop health care plans for patients. They record patients' health history, progress, and test results. They also counsel patients about medications and teach them healthy living techniques.

At-a-Glance

- Physician assistants provide diagnostic, therapeutic, preventative, and health maintenance services
- Can administer injections, immunizations, suturing, wound care, and infection management
- In all settings they are required to consult with physicians
- Education and training typically last two to four years after a bachelor's degree
- Must have a master's degree
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- Salary ranges from \$100,000 to \$196,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University (Henderson)
 - Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Master's

Areas of Specialization

- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Hospital Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Surgery

Average Salary: **\$434,220** | \$209 per hour

Employment | 321 are licensed in Nevada, including 252 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 41 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Surgeons are physicians who specialize in performing operations to treat diseases, injuries, and other health conditions. They diagnose medical problems, determine whether surgery is needed, and lead surgical teams during procedures. After surgery, they monitor patients' recovery and adjust care as necessary. Surgeons may work in hospitals, outpatient centers, or specialized clinics. Often surgeons specialize in a particular field such as obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, neurosurgery, cardiovascular surgery, or oncology.

Obstetric and gynecological surgeons are trained to operate on pregnant women and treat female reproductive systems. An obstetrician may operate to deliver babies with cesarean delivery (c-sections) when the mother is at risk of complications during labor. A gynecological surgeon uses surgery to treat diseases related to the female pelvic region. They perform operations to treat endometriosis, ovarian and fibroid cysts, uterine prolapse, and abnormal bleeding.

Orthopedic surgeons specialize in treating diseases and musculoskeletal conditions. They operate on bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, muscles, and associated nerves. Some specialize in specific areas of the body, like feet or spines. Neurosurgeons specifically operate on the brain and nervous system to treat disorders and illnesses. Vascular surgeons treat patients with diseases that affect veins and arteries throughout the body, except the brain and heart. Surgical oncologists use surgery to make a diagnosis, determine the stage of cancer, and remove tumors and surrounding tissues.

At-a-Glance

- Surgeons perform operations to treat diseases, injuries, and other health conditions
- Must have a doctorate in medicine
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- Salary typically ranges from \$356,000 to \$552,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University, Nevada (Henderson)
 - Doctorate (DO)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate (MD)
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Doctorate (MD)

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Average Salary: **\$76,740** | \$37 per hour

Employment | 1,120 are employed in Nevada,
including 880 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 127 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Surgical technologists prepare and assist with surgical procedures. They work under the supervision of surgeons, and alongside nurses and other medical staff.

Surgical technologists prepare patients for surgery by transporting them to the operating room, positioning them on the table, and covering them with surgical "drapes." Before surgery, surgical technologists help set up the operating room. The surgical environment and operating room are very controlled, with surgical instruments and supplies set up in a pre-arranged order. Everything must be kept sterile. They set up, adjust, and check equipment to be sure it works properly. In addition, surgical technologists help the surgical team scrub into surgery by helping them put on gloves, gowns, and masks.

During surgery, technologists pass instruments and supplies to surgeons and the surgical team. They hold retractors (instruments that hold back the edges of a wound) or cut sutures (stitches). They maintain supplies of fluid, such as blood or saline. Technologists operate other equipment, such as lights or suction machines. They also help apply dressings to a patient's incisions. In addition, they count sponges, needles, and instruments when the procedure is complete. Technologists prepare specimens to be taken for lab analysis.

After surgery, surgical technologists transfer patients to the recovery room observing the patient's vital signs. Then, they prepare and restock the operating room for the next procedure.

Increasingly, health care employers, such as hospitals and physician offices, offer paid apprenticeships for students training to become surgical technologists.

At-a-Glance

- Surgical technologists set up the operating room before surgery and assist with surgical procedures
- Work under the supervision of surgeons
- Education and training takes two years
- Optional certification available through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting
- Salary ranges from \$46,500 to \$100,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Nevada Career Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Associate

Related Job Titles

- Certified Surgical First Assistant
- Certified Surgical Technologist
- Operating Room Surgical Technician
- Surgery Operating Room Assistant
- Surgical Pre-Admit Assistant
- Surgical Scrub Technician
- Surgical Technician

NURSING

CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE

Average Salary: \$142,660 | \$69 per hour

Employment | 64 are licensed in the state of Nevada, including 50 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 25 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Certified nurse midwives (CNMs) are advanced practice registered nurses who provide counseling and health care during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. CNMs can provide care for birthing people in a home setting, birth centers, and hospitals. Most certified nurse midwives work closely with expectant mothers and their families before the baby is born. They educate pregnant individuals about proper nutrition, exercise, and general well-being. Certified nurse midwives also help prepare for childbirth, including making decisions about pain management.

Certified nurse midwives view pregnancy and childbirth as normal, healthy life events. Their care emphasizes supporting the body's natural processes and minimizing medical interventions when possible. While they are trained to recognize and manage many situations that arise during labor and delivery, they collaborate with physicians if complications occur or if surgical procedures or specialized care are needed.

Many people mistakenly think that CNMs only deliver babies, but that is just a fraction of their duties. Certified nurse midwives also help mothers recover after delivery, support new mothers and babies with breastfeeding, and provide routine wellness services, including reproductive health visits.

Becoming a certified nurse midwives takes 6–8 years. This includes earning a bachelor's degree (4 years), completing a graduate-level nurse midwifery program (2–3 years), passing certification exams, and obtaining an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure.

At-a-Glance

- Certified nurse midwives care for pregnant women before, during, and after childbirth
- Deliver babies for normal pregnancies
- Consult with appropriate specialists when patient needs warrant additional care
- Must have a master's or doctoral degree
- Need national certification and licensure from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$82,500 to \$200,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
– Master's

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Average Salary: \$45,060 | \$22 per hour

Employment | 8,670 are employed in Nevada,
including 6,720 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 5,090 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates

Overview

Certified nursing assistants (CNAs) provide personal care to patients in hospitals and nursing homes. They work under the supervision of registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs). For many patients, CNAs are the caregivers with whom they interact most often. By assisting patients with activities of daily living, CNAs help patients achieve a better quality of life and provide comfort. They may explain some medical instructions to patients and family members. CNAs also prepare food trays, deliver meals, and clean rooms for their patients.

In addition, CNAs set up, monitor, and sterilize equipment, and record vital signs such as blood pressure, temperature, pulse, and respiration. They observe patients for changes in mental alertness or emotions. If any changes are observed, CNAs notify the supervising nurse. Some nursing assistants also perform clerical duties, such as filing and scheduling appointments.

Certified nursing assistants work in most departments of hospitals and nursing homes. Many people become CNAs to gain work experience and learn more about the health care field, and then they go on to pursue other careers in health care. Starting as a CNA requires at least 75 hours of instruction and a passing score on a certification exam. A growing number of high schools and hospitals offer Nevada-approved CNA training programs. Training takes a few weeks to a few months.

At-a-Glance

- Certified nursing assistants help patients with daily life activities
- Work in hospitals, nursing homes, and patients' homes
- Work under the supervision of RNs and LPNs
- Must pass the state-specific CNA certification exam
- Need certification from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$36,500 to \$59,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
– Certificate
- Genevieve Training Center (Las Vegas)
– Certificate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
– Certificate
- Live Savers Training Center (Las Vegas)
– Certificate
- South Lyon Medical Center (Yerington)
– Certificate
- Majen, LLC (Reno)
– Certificate
- Mountain View Health and Rehabilitation (Carson City)
– Certificate
- Perry Foundation Academy of Health (Henderson, Reno)
– Certificate
- PFC Nick Crombie Certified Nursing Assisting Training Academy (Las Vegas)
– Certificate
- Saint Therese Learning Institute (Las Vegas)
– Certificate
- Sierra Nevada Job Corps (Reno)
– Certificate
- Shiloh CNA School (Las Vegas)
– Certificate
- Sonder CNA Training (Minden)
– Certificate
- Standard of Excellence Academy (Las Vegas)
– Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
– Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
– Certificate

CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST

Average Salary: **\$242,930** | \$117 per hour

Employment | 158 are licensed in Nevada, including 114 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 307 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses with specialized education in anesthesia care. They safely provide anesthesia and pain management before, during, and after surgeries and medical procedures. CRNAs work in hospitals, surgery centers, and outpatient clinics. In some settings they may serve as the primary anesthesia provider.

Certified registered nurse anesthetists care for and monitor patients throughout surgical procedures. Because people react differently under anesthesia, patients must be closely observed. CRNAs make sure patients' breathing, temperature, heartbeat, and fluid levels remain stable. They examine a patients' skin color, pulse, blood pressure, and respiration. They also meet with patients to obtain and review medical histories, develop anesthesia care plans, and prepare patients for surgery.

In some situations, emergencies may arise, and CRNAs must act fast. They may need to open a patient's airway, infuse fluids, or administer necessary drugs. After a procedure, CRNAs monitor the patient's recovery and give additional medications to reduce side effects, such as nausea.

Certified registered nurse anesthetists work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, and clinics. Many CRNAs work in rural health care settings where they may be the sole provider of anesthesia services for rural communities.

At-a-Glance

- Certified registered nurse anesthetists administer and monitor anesthesia during surgical procedures
- Prescribe medications and administer local, intravenous, spinal, or other anesthetics
- Must have a doctoral degree and complete training to be certified as a CRNA
- Need licensure from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$218,500 to \$310,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson)
 - Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Average Salary: \$73,820 | \$35 per hour

Employment | 3,210 are employed in Nevada,
including 2,940 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 3,084 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates

Overview

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) provide basic nursing care under the supervision of registered nurses (RNs) and physicians. LPNs provide patient care based on physician instructions, such as obtaining vital signs, administering treatments, collecting assessment data, assisting in developing care plans, providing patient education, and can start intravenous fluids.

Licensed practical nurses work in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, nursing homes, outpatient centers, doctors' offices, clinics, and home health care. Experienced licensed practical nurses supervise nursing assistants and aides.

In nursing homes, in addition to basic bedside care, LPNs help evaluate residents' needs and develop care plans. They administer medications, perform routine lab tests, prepare patients for diagnostic exams, and obtain a health history.

In doctors' offices and clinics, LPNs schedule appointments, maintain records, and handle other clerical tasks. Those who work in private homes assist with personal care, administer medications, provide wound care, and teach family members how to care for their loved ones.

Many people become LPNs to gain work experience and learn more about the health care industry, then they go on to pursue other careers in health care. It takes one to two years to complete a Nevada-approved practical nursing program to become LPN.

At-a-Glance

- Licensed practical nurses provide basic nursing care
- Work under the supervision of physicians and RNs
- Must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$59,000 to \$85,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas College (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Unitek College (Reno)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Licensed Vocational Nurses

NURSE PRACTITIONER

Average Salary: \$159,930 | \$77 per hour

Employment | 2,940 are employed in Nevada, including 2,630 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 123 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Nurse practitioners (NPs) are registered nurses who have completed advanced training and have a graduate degree in nursing. NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). They are licensed to provide primary, acute, and specialty health care, and can prescribe treatments and medications.

Nurse practitioners have the knowledge and skills to work one-on-one with patients. In Nevada, it is common for NPs to practice independently as primary care providers, with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and patient education. They work in a variety of settings, including private clinics, hospitals, mental health centers, and nursing homes.

Nurse practitioners specialize in areas such as family practice, pediatrics, mental health, women's health, and geriatrics. Within these areas of primary care, they begin appointments by interviewing patients for their health history, performing a physical exam and discussing health concerns. When needed, NPs can prescribe medications, develop treatment plans, and order diagnostic tests such as x-rays. For more complex cases, they refer patients to physicians or specialists.

Overall, nurse practitioners treat a wide range of illnesses and conditions while also helping patients maintain wellness through education about healthy lifestyles.

At-a-Glance

- Nurse practitioners treat patients with a broad range of health issues
- Areas of specialization include family practice, geriatrics, neonatal, pediatrics, psychiatry, and women's health
- In Nevada, NPs have the authority to prescribe medications
- Must have a graduate degree in nursing and additional training for certification in specialty areas
- Need licensure from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$87,000 to \$170,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson)
 - Doctorate
- Touro University (Henderson)
 - Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Master's, Doctorate



REGISTERED NURSE

Average Salary: \$101,990 | \$49 per hour

Employment | 27,570 are employed in Nevada, including 25,270 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 4,865 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and families about health conditions, and promote wellness. They work in a wide range of clinical settings including hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics, as well as in community settings such as local health departments, schools, and government agencies.

RNs develop nursing care plans, coordinate care with physicians and other health professionals, and supervise licensed practical nurses, aides, and assistants. They also play a key role in promoting safety, preventing health problems, and reducing the risk of infections.

In hospitals, RNs observe patients, carry out medical treatments, and use specialized equipment to monitor vital signs. They record observations and clinical data in patient charts, prepare patients for exams, and check vital signs. RNs perform physical exams, draw blood, and give injections. In office settings, they may also perform routine lab tests and handle administrative tasks.

In long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, RNs manage residents' health care and supervise licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and nursing assistants. Home health and private duty nurses provide prescribed care to patients in their homes and teach patients and their families how to assist with care.

Public health and community RNs work to improve the overall health of communities. They provide health care and first aid, administer vaccines, and conduct health screenings such as blood pressure and cholesterol checks. Public health nurses develop health education programs on topics like nutrition and wellness.

At-a-Glance

- Registered nurses care for patients as part of a health care team
- Must have at least an associate's degree; bachelor's degrees are favored among employers
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$78,000 to \$133,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Arizona College of Nursing (Las Vegas) – Bachelor's
- Carrington College (Reno) – Associate
- Chamberlain University (Las Vegas) – Bachelor's
- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas) – Associate
- Grand Canyon University (Henderson) – Bachelor's
- Great Basin College (Elko) – Associate
- Las Vegas College – Associate, Bachelor's
- Nevada Career Institute (Las Vegas) – Associate
- Nevada State University (Henderson) – Bachelor's
- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson) – Bachelor's
- Touro University (Henderson) – Bachelor's
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno) – Associate
- Unitek College (Reno) – Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno – Bachelor's
- Western Nevada College (Carson City) – Associate

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: \$38,980 | \$19 per hour

Employment | 1,390 are employed in Nevada, including 910 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 222 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) are first responders who provide basic life support, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), basic first aid, and can administer some medication in emergencies. When called to a scene, they assess patients and determine the extent of injury or illness. EMTs are trained to treat patients on-site or stabilize them for transport to a medical facility. They work with other medical staff when transporting patients, reporting the patient's status and any treatment provided so that the receiving hospital can plan and prepare for the patient's arrival.

When not responding to emergencies, EMTs can perform other duties such as replacing supplies, checking equipment, and disinfecting the ambulance. Some participate in Community Paramedicine, where they visit patients at home for basic or preventative care. EMTs often transport patients between medical facilities and may provide first aid at large events and festivals.

Prior medical experience is not required to become an EMT. With additional training, EMTs can become an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT). This role offers a broader scope of practice, including advanced airway management, IV therapy, and administering a wider range of medications. At all levels, EMTs must continually update their skills to maintain their license. Many become EMTs to gain experience in medical care before pursuing other careers in health care.

Many high schools in Nevada provide EMT courses to prepare students for certification. The Emergency Medical System (EMS) Compact licensure allows EMS professionals, such as EMTs and AEMTs, to practice in participating states without obtaining separate licensure.

At-a-Glance

- Emergency Medical Technicians provide emergency care
- Flexible schedules and workdays
- Must pass the National Registry exam, and complete CPR training
- Need certification from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Emergency Medical Services
- If employed in Clark County, need certification from the Southern Nevada Health District
- Salary ranges from \$28,000 to \$56,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- American Medical Response (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Banner Churchill Community Hospital EMS (Fallon)
 - Certificate
- College of Southern Nevada (Henderson, Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Community Ambulance Health Science Center (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Division of Workforce and Economic Development (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- EMS Training Center of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Guardian Elite Medical Services (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Humboldt General Hospital EMS (Winnemucca)
 - Certificate
- Medic West Ambulance (N. Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Mountain View Hospital Paramedic Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- North American Rescue (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- OptimumMedicine LCC (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Pima Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- REMSA Training Center (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate, Associate

Average Salary: \$60,320 | \$29 per hour

Employment | 910 are employed in Nevada, including 620 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 148 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Paramedics respond to emergencies and have advanced training to provide life support. In some cases, they can help patients on the scene without needing hospital transport. In other situations, they must quickly stabilize patients and keep them alive until they reach a medical facility. While en route, paramedics communicate with doctors and nurses about the patient's condition and care. They also document the treatments provided to ensure a smooth transition from the ambulance to hospital care.

Paramedics use specialized equipment to deliver advanced life support. They can perform tracheotomies, set up IVs, and administer medications. Their additional training also prepares them to lead other emergency medical responders on their team.

Paramedics are lifelong learners who continually update their skills to maintain their license. When not responding to emergencies, they maintain, sanitize, and restock their equipment. Some are Community Paramedics, visiting patients at home to provide basic and preventative care, such as flu shots and blood sugar monitoring. Paramedics also work in diverse settings, including ski resorts, special response teams at police departments, and on life support or medical helicopters.

Becoming a paramedic typically requires a year of training. Applicants must already hold a valid State of Nevada Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. The Emergency Medical System (EMS) Compact allows licensure allows paramedics, to practice in participating states without obtaining a separate licensure.

At-a-Glance

- Paramedics provide emergency advanced life support and care
- Training programs usually take one year to complete
- Renew their license every two years
- Need a certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and International Trauma Life Support (ITLS)
- Need certification from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Emergency Medical Services
- If employed in Clark County, need certification from the Southern Nevada Health District
- Salary ranges from \$48,000 to \$80,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Henderson, Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Mountain View Paramedic Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Associates
- REMSA Training Center (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate, Associate

MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ADDICTION COUNSELOR

Average Salary: **\$65,110** | \$31 per hour

Employment | 1,344 are employed in Nevada, including 996 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 90 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Addiction counselors help individuals who struggle with behavioral problems and are recovering from addictions such as to drugs, alcohol, or gambling. These professionals treat addiction as a chronic disease and support recovery by providing mental, emotional, and behavioral health services.

Addiction counselors are trained to assess clients, provide therapy, and develop individualized treatment plans. They help clients to identify strategies to prevent relapses and build strong therapeutic relationships active listening, empathy, and support.

In addition to one-on-one counseling, addiction counselors often work with families or groups to promote healthy, long-term recovery. They collaborate with other professionals and community agencies to connect clients with essential resources such as employment or housing.

Individuals can begin working as addiction counselors with an associate degree, often starting in entry-level positions. Many professionals advance as they gain education and supervised experience. For example, a person with an associate degree may begin as an alcohol and drug counselor. With a bachelor's degree and 4,000 hours of supervised experience, they can become a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC). With a master's degree and 2,000 hours of supervision, they may become a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC).

All levels of addiction counselors can acquire additional training to become a Certified Problem Gambling Counselor (CPGC).

At-a-Glance

- Addiction counselors help individuals recover from an addiction to alcohol, drugs, or gambling
- Work in a variety of settings, including outpatient and residential treatment
- Often requires a bachelor's degree in a social science field, such as Psychology, Human Services, or Social Work
- Some positions require a master's degree or specialized training
- Need a certificate or license from the Nevada State Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors
- Salary ranges from \$55,500 to \$80,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate, Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Advanced Graduate Certificate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Advanced Graduate Certificate, Master's

BEHAVIORAL ANALYST

Average Salary: \$77,670 | \$37 per hour

Employment | 515 are licensed in Nevada,
including 378 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 605 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Behavior analysts help people of all ages improve their lives and functioning by designing and implementing treatment plans to change problematic or challenging behaviors. They work with their patients to understand what triggers certain behaviors and find ways to change that behavior. They work in schools, clinics, large organizations, communities, and homes. Behavior analysts commonly work with people who have learning or developmental disorders, including individuals with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

There are three levels of certification/licensure for behavioral analysts in Nevada: registered behavior technicians (RBT), licensed assistant behavior analysts (LABA), and licensed behavior analysts (LBA). Each requires different levels of education and training. All behavior analysts work as part of a larger team. Many individuals progress to more advanced levels, supervise, and work more independently as they gain experience and education.

Registered behavior technicians work directly with patients to help them improve their social interactions, communication, and problem-solving skills by implementing a care plan under their supervisor's direction. To become a RBT, you need a high school diploma and to complete 40-hours of training.

Licensed assistant behavior analysts have a bachelor's degree. They are trained in writing, implementing, assessing, and evaluating treatment plans under their supervisor's direction. To become a LABA, you need to have up to 1,300 hours of supervised field work.

A licensed behavior analyst works independently and can supervise LABA's and RBT's. They must have a master's degree or a doctorate. LBA's create treatment plans to help analyze and modify problematic behavior based on behavioral and environmental triggers. To become a LBA, you need to have up to 2,000 hours of supervised field work.

At-a-Glance

- Behavior analysts evaluate the causes of problematic behavior
- Develop, implement, and monitor patient treatment plans
- An internship is required for all licensure levels
- Need a certification from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Applied Behavior Analysts
- Salary ranges from \$33,500 to \$126,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Average Salary: \$71,010 | \$34 per hour

Employment | 896 are employed in Nevada, including 664 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 60 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Clinical professional counselors help people overcome personal challenges, meet goals, and focus on their mental and emotional health. They help people understand themselves on a deeper level, and find solutions and strategies to overcome personal challenges.

Clinical professional counselors build positive and supportive relationships with their patients. This helps counselors identify problems, work through challenges and difficulties, and teach their patients healthy ways to cope with and solve problems.

Clinical professional counselors work with individuals, families, couples, and groups. Some counselors work with specific groups, like older adults, children, or people who have experienced trauma or abuse. They often help patients during times of crisis. Clinical professional counselors provide treatment in various settings, including hospitals, treatment centers, private practice, community-based behavioral health agencies, and schools.

Clinical professional counselors often work with a larger team to create treatment plans for their patients. They work with primary care clinicians or psychiatrists to provide integrated care. Sometimes, they refer their patients to social services or other health care providers. Integrated care is especially helpful when patients need medical care, medications, and psychotherapies to treat their condition.

At-a-Glance

- Clinical professional counselors help patients manage mental illnesses and emotional problems
- Must have a master's degree
- Requires 3,000 hours of supervised experience, lasting one to two years
- Need a license from the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
- Salary ranges from \$49,000 to \$100,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Advanced Graduate Certificate, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Mental Health Specialist

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST



Average Salary: **\$84,760** | \$41 per hour

Employment | 1,471 are licensed in Nevada, including 986 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 73 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Marriage and family therapists (MFTs) address the role family dynamics play in mental health. They meet with patients individually, in couples or family counseling, or in group counseling. By understanding how interpersonal relationships impact mental health, they diagnose and treat disorders, and help their patients have a better understanding of themselves. They also give their patients tools and skills to better manage personal problems and relationships.

Marriage and family therapists use evidence-based treatments to help their patients identify and resolve conflicts while finding ways to lead healthier lives. MFTs often help people with anxiety, depression, marital problems, individual psychological problems, and child-parent problems.

Marriage and family therapists consult with other therapists, counselors, doctors, or social workers, depending on the client's situation. They provide treatment in various settings, including outpatient clinics, treatment centers, community-based behavioral health agencies, and private individual or group practice. They often supervise assistants and train entry-level therapists.

At-a-Glance

- Marriage and family therapists diagnose and treat individuals, couples, and families
- Must have a master's degree, some have a doctorate
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapist and Clinical Professional Counselors
- Requires 3,000 hours of supervised experience
- Salary ranges from \$57,500 to \$128,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Advanced Graduate Certificate, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Child, Individual, and Family Therapist
- Family Counselor
- Family Support Specialist

MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: \$42,000 | \$20 per hour

Employment | 1,380 are employed in Nevada, including 1,050 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 180 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Mental health technicians assist in the care, observation, and support of patients with behavioral or emotional disorders. They play an essential role in promoting their patients' well-being and working directly with them. Mental health technicians help patients with daily tasks such as eating and personal hygiene. They also can provide non-medical treatment in accordance with physician instructions and hospital procedures.

Mental health technicians usually work in behavioral health units, general hospitals, outpatient mental health clinics, and crisis centers. They are part of a larger mental health team and work under the supervision of nurses, social workers, or mental health clinicians. Because they interact with patients daily, technicians contribute valuable input for care plans based on their observations of patients' behavior and activities.

Some mental and behavioral health professionals begin their career as a mental health technician and later advance to other professions in social work or psychology. Many employers provide on-the-job training. A high school diploma or GED is the minimum educational requirement. In addition, individuals must complete a state approved vocational/educational program to work as a mental health technician.

At-a-Glance

- Mental health technicians provide personal care, observation, and support for patients
- Requires a high school diploma or equivalent
- Work under supervision of psychiatrists, therapists, nurses, and social workers
- Salary ranges from \$39,500 to \$56,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Mental Health Worker
- Psychiatric Technician
- Psychiatric Aid

PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Average Salary: \$41,770 | \$22 per hour

Employment | 350 are certified in Nevada

Job Outlook | 50 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Peer recovery support specialists (PRSS) are individuals living with a mental health disorder or in recovery from substance use. PRSS use their personal experience and education to provide support to individuals working through their own recovery. This peer-to-peer connection creates a sense of trust that is challenging to establish with someone who has not gone through similar experiences.

Peer recovery support specialists support their clients by using personal experience, empathy, cultural competence, and a focus on the individual's strengths to build resilience and encourage recovery. PRSS work in a variety of clinical and non-clinical settings, and focus on providing recovery support services to clients on their pathway to recovery. Many PRSS receive endorsements to work with specialized groups, like problem gambling or trauma-informed care.

Peer recovery support specialists also reduce public and self-stigma associated with mental and behavioral health, by acting as advocates for policy and systematic changes in the behavioral health field. They also educate the general population on recovery principles. Working as a peer recovery support specialist can lead to further career advancement in behavioral health care.

A growing number of organizations – such as CASAT at the University of Nevada, Reno and Foundation for Recovery in Las Vegas – provide coursework and training leading to certification in peer support.

At-a-Glance

- Peer recovery support specialists help individuals and groups manage mental illness and addiction
- Requires a high school diploma or equivalent
- Need a certification from the Nevada Certification Board
- Salary ranges from \$23,000 to \$61,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- NAMI Northern Nevada (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Nevada Certification Board (Reno)
 - Certificate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Certificate

PSYCHIATRIST

Average Salary: **\$264,250** | \$127 per hour

Employment | 285 are licensed in Nevada, including 259 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 105 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Psychiatrists are medical doctors who focus on diagnosing and treating people with mental illnesses and disorders. Psychiatrists attend medical school and have specialized training on how biology affects mental illness. Additionally, they prescribe medications to help their patients.

Psychiatrists examine and diagnose a patient's health and mental state. They develop treatment plans that combine talk and drug therapy. In some cases, psychiatrists admit patients to hospitals or refer them to other specialists for additional care.

Psychiatrists meet with patients to make sure their medication is working correctly. They also talk with family members about the patient's condition. Some psychiatrists conduct research and write articles for journals. Many psychiatrists teach or supervise students.

Some psychiatrists specialize in treating patients of specific age groups. Child and adolescent psychiatrists work with children, teenagers, and with the patient's families. They may use play therapy to help children. Geriatric psychiatrists specialize in working with the elderly. Industrial psychiatrists study behavior in the workplace and often use their knowledge to help businesses. Forensic psychiatrists advise the courts and assist individuals with mental illness navigate the criminal justice system.

At-a-Glance

- Psychiatrists diagnose and treat people with mental illness
- Have both medical and psychological training
- Education and training typically lasts ten to twelve years after high school
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- Salary ranges from \$215,000 to \$350,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University (Henderson)
 - Doctorate (DO)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate (MD)
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Doctorate (MD)

Areas of Specialization

- Addiction Psychiatry
- Adult Psychiatry
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Consulting Psychiatry
- Emergency Psychiatry
- Forensic Psychiatry
- Geriatric Psychiatry

PSYCHOLOGIST

Average Salary: \$103,510 | \$50 per hour

Employment | 508 are licensed in Nevada, including 302 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 125 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Psychologists treat individuals with mental and emotional problems. They have professional training and clinical skills to help people manage mental health challenges, cope with stress, and improve overall well-being. Psychologists assess, diagnose, and treat individuals experiencing mental health conditions or challenging life circumstances. They use evidence-based treatments that focus on changing behavior and improving overall functioning.

Psychologists specialize in various areas of practice, such as counseling psychology, behavioral psychology, school psychology, research, and industrial-organizational psychology. Some are described below.

Counseling psychologists provide their patients with clinical or counseling services to help them solve problems and promote change. Counseling psychologists generally work with patients who have episodic issues, including people who are having difficulty adjusting to a significant life change. Counseling psychologists also work with people who have more complex, ongoing struggles and conflicts. These psychologists use evidence-based therapies to help their patients, including psychotherapy and hypnosis.

Behavioral psychologists observe how people react and behave in different situations. They help their patients understand why some behaviors are triggered and reinforced and then work to change how their patients respond so they can act in a way that will benefit them instead. These psychologists usually work with people who have complex issues, such as phobias. Some work with specific groups, such as children, adolescents, people with autism, or the elderly.

At-a-Glance

- Psychologists assess, diagnose, and treat psychological, emotional, or behavioral disorders
- Many manage their own practice or work with a group of other psychologists, or health care providers
- Must have a doctorate
- Need a one-year internship and one to two years of supervised experience after graduation
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners
- Salary ranges from \$66,000 to \$160,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Advanced Graduate Certificate, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

SOCIAL WORKER

Average Salary: **\$67,030** | \$32 per hour

Employment | 6,410 are employed in Nevada, including 4,820 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 950 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Social work is a broad and diverse field dedicated to helping people overcome challenges and improve their quality of life. Social workers support individuals, families, and communities by connecting them with resources, advocating on their behalf, and creating plans to address problems that may be difficult to solve alone. Social workers can also work in policy and political systems.

The scope of a social worker's role depends on their level of education, licensure, and workplace setting. Major areas of practice include child and family welfare, medical and public health social work, and clinical social work.

Healthcare social workers assist clients and their families in managing social, financial, and health-related concerns. They often work in hospitals, clinics, or public health agencies, where they coordinate care, link clients to community programs, and support them in navigating complex healthcare systems.

School social workers specialize in supporting students' academic and emotional success. They collaborate with families, teachers, and administrators to develop discipline policies, implement mental health interventions, and provide other support services. In Nevada, school social workers require both specialized training and an endorsement from the State Department of Education.

For students in rural Nevada, there is an education opportunity through the 3+1 that pathway saves time and reduces costs. It allows students to complete an associate degree following the UNR curriculum at WNC and GBC, and then seamlessly transfer to finish their final coursework and bachelor's degree at UNR, with online learning options available.

Bachelors in Social Work (BSW) graduates from Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)-accredited programs may qualify for Advanced Standing Master's in Social Work (MSW) programs. These programs recognize prior BSW coursework, allowing students to

skip foundational classes. Thus, an advanced social work practice degree can be achieved faster, reducing both time and cost.

At-a-Glance

- Social workers help people solve financial, health, and social problems
- Work in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, and government offices
- Need a bachelor's, many have a master's
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Examiners for Social Workers; School Social Workers need an endorsement from the Nevada Department of Education
- Salary ranges from \$43,000 to \$95,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Associate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Associate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Associate

Related Job Titles

- Case Worker
- Child Welfare and Family Social Worker
- Clinical Social Worker
- Community and Advocacy Social Worker
- Medical Social Worker
- School Social Worker
- Youth Services Specialist

DENTISTRY

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Average Salary: **\$46,970** | \$23 per hour

Employment | 3,890 are employed in Nevada,
including 2,820 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 570 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Dental assistants support dentists in providing patient care and maintaining efficient dental offices. They prepare patients for treatment, sterilize and organize instruments, assist during procedures, take and process X-rays, and record patient information. Dental assistants also handle administrative tasks such as scheduling appointments and maintaining records. Their work helps ensure smooth dental operations and quality patient care.

During procedures, dental assistants pass and receive instruments and prepare materials for the dentist when requested. They use suction devices to keep the patients' mouths dry and clear. When patients have surgery, dental assistants instruct them in postoperative care. Dental assistants may perform some laboratory duties. These tasks can include taking and pouring dental impressions, trimming models, polishing removable appliances, and preparing materials for restorations. More complex laboratory work, such as fabricating dentures or crowns, is typically done by dental laboratory technicians.

Increasingly, dental offices are offering paid apprenticeships for students training to become dental assistants. Many positions only need a high school diploma to begin working. To become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) one must pass the Dental Assistant Board exam. With additional education and training, dental assistants can advance to roles as a dental hygienist or a dental laboratory technician.

At-a-Glance

- Dental assistants support dentists before and during dental procedures
- Perform duties ranging from office tasks to lab work
- Many receive training on the job and become certified
- Salary ranges from \$36,000 to \$59,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Accelerated Academy (Sparks)
 - Certificate
- Assist to Succeed (Las Vegas, Minden, Reno)
 - Certificate
- BDG Academy Dental Assisting School (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Carrington College (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas Dental Assisting School (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Milan Institute (Las Vegas, Sparks)
 - Certificate
- National School of Dental Assisting (Carson City, Reno, Sparks)
 - Certificate
- Nevada Career Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Northwest Career College (Henderson, Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Sierra Mountain Education (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate, Associate
- United Education Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Unitek College (Reno)
 - Certificate

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Average Salary: \$103,160 | \$50 per hour

Employment | 2,040 are employed in Nevada,
including 1,350 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 100 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for signs of oral diseases, and provide preventive dental care. They review patient medical histories and record notes in the patient file during the appointment. They chart conditions of decay and disease so that the dentist can diagnose and determine a treatment plan.

During routine examinations, dental hygienists inspect the patient's teeth for deposits and decay, and look for any shrinkage or disease in the gums. They look to see if the gums and lymph nodes under the chin show any swelling or other signs of cancer. Hygienists take x-rays of patients' teeth and take great care to position the camera at different angles around the head and mouth. They also develop film for dentists to use as they diagnose problems and design treatment plans.

Dental hygienists use dental instruments to clean plaque and various stains from teeth. Some hygienists are licensed to administer local anesthesia for patients who need specialized care during cleanings. Preparation may include applying numbing agents to a patient's gums to reduce discomfort. Dental hygienists perform finishing work on certain procedures so the dentist can assist other patients.

At-a-Glance

- Dental hygienists perform procedures to clean teeth and identify periodontal disease
- Conduct dental health clinics and education for community groups
- Often are independent contractors with flexible work schedules
- Education and training typically take two to four years
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
- Salary ranges from \$93,000 to \$123,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate, Bachelor's
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Bachelor's

DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: \$50,620 | \$24 per hour

Employment | 190 are employed in Nevada, including 130 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 45 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Dental laboratory technicians create devices to correct, replace, or restore the patient's teeth as prescribed by dentists. Their work is creative, hands-on, and quickly changes with new technological advances. They focus on creating pieces that look natural, while also being functional.

Dental laboratory technicians make and repair dentures, crowns, implants, and bridges. They create customized models based on specific measurements and casts from each patient. Technicians construct crowns for patients from different materials. Technicians create bridges, which attach one or more false teeth to the patient's real teeth. In addition to creating the false tooth or teeth, technicians create the bands that attach them together.

Dental laboratory technicians repair damaged devices by filling chipped or low spots, rebuilding linings, fixing wire sections, and replacing missing teeth in dentures. Dental laboratory technicians may perform all stages of the work or specialize in one area.

Many dental offices offer paid apprenticeships for students training to become dental laboratory technicians.

At-a-Glance

- Dental laboratory technicians make and repair dentures, crowns, and bridges
- Work with substances such as metal, plaster, porcelain, and acrylic paste
- Training typically takes two years
- Certification is available from the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology
- Salary ranges from \$36,000 to \$86,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- There are no educational programs for dental laboratory technicians in Nevada

Related Job Titles

- Ceramist
- Crown and Bridge Dental Lab Technician
- Dental Prosthetics Technician
- Denture Technician
- Orthodontic Technician
- Porcelain Technician

Average Salary: \$193,360 | \$93 per hour

Employment | 1,040 are employed in Nevada, including 750 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 90 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Dentists examine patients' teeth and mouth, diagnose diseases or abnormalities, and plan appropriate treatments. Most dentists are general practitioners who examine teeth, gums, and related tissues, using dental instruments, x-rays, or other diagnostic equipment. They advise patients on preventive dental care, explain the causes and treatment of dental problems, and provide a wide range of oral health care services.

Dentists most often apply sealants, repair fractured teeth, and fill cavities. They oversee the modeling process to replace missing or pulled teeth and apply crowns to strengthen teeth. They perform surgery on gums and the bones that support the gums, including dental implants. Depending on the procedure, they give patients anesthetics to block the pain. Dentists use instruments such as drills, mirrors, and scalpels. Dentists can write prescriptions for drugs that reduce pain or the risk of infection.

Dentists often hire dental hygienists to handle routine preventive care, such as teeth cleanings. This allows the dentist to focus on more difficult dental procedures. Dentists also hire and supervise other employees, such as office staff, receptionists, and dental assistants.

It takes an additional two to three years of specialized residency training to practice in a dental specialty such as orthodontics, which focuses on correcting teeth and jaw alignment.

At-a-Glance

- Dentists handle a wide variety of dental conditions
- The majority are self-employed
- Are increasingly employed in group practices
- Need over eight years of education and training after high school
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
- Salary ranges from \$189,000 to \$250,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson)
 - Doctorate (DMD)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate (DMD)

Areas of Specialization

- Community Dentistry
- Endodontics
- Forensic Odontology
- Geriatric Dentistry
- Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Public Health Dentistry
- Special Needs Dentistry

PHARMACY

PHARMACIST

Average Salary: \$138,650 | \$67 per hour

Employment | 2,330 are employed in Nevada, including 1,730 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 906 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Pharmacists dispense medications prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners, and counsel patients on their proper use. Pharmacists advise medical staff and physicians about drug therapies, and plan and monitor patients' medication schedules to ensure that drugs work together effectively. Pharmacists also work closely with patients to discuss medication use to get the best results.

Pharmacists primarily work in pharmacies, clinics, and hospitals. They provide information, consult with patients, and explain the appropriate use of prescription and non-prescription medications. Pharmacists ask customers about their symptoms and current medications, and they monitor a patient's drug use to ensure that no harmful interactions occur.

Pharmacists maintain records and manage drug inventory. They analyze records to identify trends in medication use or possible overuse. They follow dispensing procedures to comply with legal requirements and monitor the security of controlled substances as well as the disposal of hazardous waste.

With additional training, pharmacists can practice in specialties such as oncology, pediatrics, nuclear pharmacy, and pharmacotherapy.

At-a-Glance

- Pharmacists review and fill prescriptions to assure accuracy
- Work in drug stores, hospitals, and other clinical settings
- Educate patients regarding their use and the potential side effects of drugs
- Education and training usually lasts eight years after high school
- An internship is required to become a licensed pharmacist
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
- Salary ranges from \$75,000 to \$164,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Accelerated Pre-pharmacy Bachelor's
- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson)
 - Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Pre-pharmacy Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Pre-pharmacy Bachelor's

PHARMACY AIDE

Average Salary: \$39,450 | \$19 per hour

Employment | 380 are employed in Nevada,
including 200 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 44 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Pharmacy aides typically perform many of the administrative and clerical duties in a pharmacy. Their responsibilities include greeting customers, answering phones, handling transactions, and stocking shelves. Pharmacy aides work under the supervision of a pharmacist or a pharmacy technician and must refer any questions regarding prescriptions, health issues, or specific drug information to the supervising pharmacist.

Pharmacy aides may also deliver medication to treatment areas, such as a hospitals. Many pharmacy aides are hired without prior experience and receive on-the-job training. A high school diploma and background check are required to begin working. With additional education and training, they can advance to other positions, such as a pharmacy technician.

At-a-Glance

- Pharmacy aides assist with inventory management and ensure the pharmacy runs efficiently
- Do not prepare or dispense medications
- Most train on the job
- Need a high school diploma or equivalent, and background check
- Salary ranges from \$29,500 to \$52,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- There are no educational programs in Nevada, most train on the job.

Related Job Titles

- Pharmacy Assistant
- Pharmacy Cashier
- Pharmacy Clerk

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: **\$46,490** | \$22 per hour

Employment | 4,180 are employed in Nevada, including 3,150 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 680 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Pharmacy technicians help pharmacists provide medications and other health care products to patients. They review prescriptions or refill requests received from patients. Then, they count, pour, measure, or mix the medication, and place them into containers. Pharmacy technicians also prepare and attach a label, price the prescription, and make sure that each one is checked by a pharmacist before being dispensed to a patient. Pharmacy technicians may set up and maintain patient profiles which contain a patient's medication history. Technicians also fill out insurance claim forms. They take inventory of prescription and over-the-counter drugs so supplies can be ordered. They also stock incoming supplies, clean and maintain pharmacy equipment, and ring up sales on the cash register.

In hospitals, pharmacy technicians have more responsibilities. They read patient charts before preparing and delivering the medicine to patients. Technicians assemble a 24-hour supply of medications for patients with dosages packaged and labeled separately. In all cases, the pharmacy technician must have approval from the pharmacist prior to providing medication to the patient.

With additional education and training, some pharmacy technicians can advance to other occupations, such as becoming pharmacists.

At-a-Glance

- Pharmacy technicians review prescriptions or requests for refills
- Work directly with pharmacists to ensure that medication information is complete and accurate
- Maintain proper storage and security conditions for drugs
- Education and training typically takes one to two years
- Need a high school diploma or equivalent, and background check
- Need to be registered with the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
- Salary ranges from \$36,500 to \$60,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Asher College (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate
- Nevada Career Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Diploma
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Sierra Nevada Job Corps (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- United Education Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Medical Reconciliation Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacy Associate

THERAPY AND REHABILITATION

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Average Salary: **\$57,670** | \$28 per hour

Employment | 230 are employed in Nevada, including 190 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 60 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Athletic trainers are health care professionals who practice in the field of sports medicine. They specialize in preventing, diagnosing, and evaluating sports-related injuries. While they assist individuals in their recovery from injuries, they also help athletes prevent injury by maintaining peak physical fitness. Trainers ensure athletes are in good shape and ready to compete. They teach athletes proper exercise techniques and stretching routines. Trainers often lead entire teams through stretching exercises before each game and practice.

Athletic trainers also inspect the playing fields for hazards that could harm players. They recommend diets and exercises to enhance athletes' strength and endurance. In addition, they organize physical examinations for players and assist coaches in selecting equipment to prevent injuries. Athletic trainers also provide guidelines on proper usage of safety equipment and self-awareness to reduce the risk of injury.

Athletic trainers monitor injuries, big or small, to ensure they don't affect an athlete's performance or health. To safeguard against injuries, they apply taping, wrapping, or bracing before games and practices. After workouts, athletic trainers administer massages to alleviate soreness and strains. In the event of an injury, athletic trainers assess its severity, provide immediate first aid, and accompany the athlete to the hospital. Athletic trainers collaborate with doctors and physical therapists to establish a rehabilitation routine and determine when it's safe for the player to return to play.

Some athletic trainers work in health clubs or non-sports organizations. Others work with athletes on high school, college, and professional sports teams. Some individual athletes employ athletic trainers.

At-a-Glance

- Athletic trainers work with teams and individual athletes focusing on preventing, diagnosing, and evaluating sports-related injuries
- Most work for high schools, colleges, and professional teams
- May travel if working for a team
- Often are independent contractors with flexible work schedules
- Must have a master's degree
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers
- Salary ranges from \$38,000 to \$68,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Associate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's

Related Job Titles

- Athletic Instructor
- Athletic Lecturer
- Coach
- Exercise Physiologist
- Licensed Athletic Trainer
- Resident Athletic Trainer
- Sports Medicine Coordinator

Average Salary: \$86,290 | \$41 per hour

Employment | 100 are employed in Nevada, including 60 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 17 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Audiologists assist individuals of all ages with hearing, balance, and ear-related issues. Often, hearing is affected by factors such as birth trauma, viral infections, genetic disorders, exposure to loud noise, certain medications, or aging. Audiologists use different tests to diagnose the cause of hearing loss and balance disorders. They then work to help their patients improve, manage, and prevent further damage.

Audiologists use various testing equipment to measure patients' hearing ability. In addition, they use computers to evaluate and diagnose balance disorders. Audiologists establish a diagnosis and personalized treatment plan by analyzing patient's testing data and other medical information. Audiologists recommend hearing aids or similar devices and help them get comfortable using them. Audiologists work with doctors to determine if surgery is needed. They monitor and modify treatment plans as necessary.

Audiologists advise employers on preventing hearing loss in the workplace by testing work areas, identifying sounds that can cause hearing loss, and recommending ways to protect workers. They also research new treatments, write reports, and present their findings. Some audiologists advise teaching and medical staff on prevention and treatment of hearing loss and balance disorders.

At-a-Glance

- Audiologists assess and treat persons with hearing and balance disorders
- Counsel clients and family members in techniques to improve and understand hearing disorders
- May fit hearing aids and provide auditory training
- Must have a master's degree and many obtain a doctoral degree
- Need a license from the Nevada Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board
- Salary ranges from \$77,000 to \$113,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Reno
– Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Audiology Doctor
- Clinical Audiologist
- Dispensing Audiologist
- Educational Audiologist
- Hearing Aid Specialist
- Pediatric Audiologist

EXERCISE TRAINER AND FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

Average Salary: **\$56,990** | \$27 per hour

Employment | 3,000 are employed in Nevada, including 2,160 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 400 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Exercise trainers and fitness instructors coach groups or individuals to achieve their fitness goals. They assess their client's fitness levels and develop a personalized fitness program to suit their abilities. They teach their clients how to correctly use equipment and avoid injury. Exercise trainers and fitness instructors are responsible for maintaining and storing equipment as well as recruiting new members to join their gym.

Exercise trainers and fitness instructors plan routines for group classes, ensuring all muscles are exercised. Music is a key part of a fitness class, so instructors pick fun music with the right tempo. Since all types of people take fitness classes, instructors develop different movements to accommodate different fitness levels and abilities.

Exercise trainers and fitness instructors usually work one-on-one with clients and develop individualized fitness programs. They show people how to improve their fitness and teach proper exercise techniques. They teach people to breathe properly during exercise and interpret their heart rate. They consult with clients about diet and lifestyle choices. They develop dietary plans for clients and monitor their weight changes.

Increasingly gyms and health clubs pay for training and certification if individuals who sign a contract to work as a trainer or instructor. Many are independent contractors who work at several locations, or have another part-time job.

At-a-Glance

- Exercise trainers and fitness instructors teach exercise or fitness techniques and develop training programs
- Trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid
- Often are independent contractors with flexible work schedules
- Typically have a post-secondary certificate or associate's degree
- Many are certified by the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM)
- Salary ranges from \$25,000 to \$89,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Advance Training Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Course
- National Personal Training Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Course, Associate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Course
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Course
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Areas of Specialization

- Bodybuilding
- Corrective exercise
- Fitness manager
- Group exercise
- Senior fitness
- Strength and conditioning
- Weight loss transformation
- Youth fitness

GENETIC COUNSELOR

Average Salary: \$89,420 | \$43 per hour

Employment | Few genetic counselors are employed in Nevada

Job Outlook | Less than 10 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Genetic counselors help people understand their genes and inherited conditions. They evaluate a patient's family history, medical records, and tests results. Typically, genetic counselors determine whether a patient's condition or diagnosis is genetically based. They also collaborate with medical geneticists to confirm a diagnosis.

Once genetic counselors meet with patients and their families, they evaluate tests and provide additional information to patients. They explain test results to help patients make informed decisions. Genetic counselors also provide examples of similar cases, explain possible outcomes, and discuss potential treatments.

Genetic counselors address any emotional issues uncovered by the results of the genetic tests. They also refer patients and families to community or state supported services such as support groups, specialists, or other counselors if necessary. In the past, genetic counselors generally worked with people who wanted to have children or were already pregnant and suspected there might be genetic problems. With the increased availability of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) tests, counselors now assist many more individuals with personal questions. Many patients seek information about specific genetic disorders, especially if they have a family history of heart disease or cancer.

This career is expanding due to ongoing advancements in genetics. Most genetic counselors work in medical settings as part of healthcare teams with doctors, social workers, nurses, medical geneticists, and other medical specialists. There is a growing demand for genetic counselors in various fields, including research, diagnostic laboratories, the pharmaceutical industry, public health, education, and health consulting.

At-a-Glance

- Genetic counselors assess individual or family risk for a variety of inherited conditions
- Most work in a medical setting
- Must have a master's degree
- Need certification from the American Board of Genetic Counseling
- Salary ranges from \$67,000 to \$135,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

There are no master's programs for genetic counselors in Nevada, students can begin by earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry or biology.

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's

Related Job Titles

- Hereditary Cancer Program Coordinator
- Pediatric Genetic Counselor
- Prenatal Genetic Counselor
- Reproductive Genetic Counseling Coordinator

MASSAGE THERAPIST

Average Salary: \$58,170 | \$28 per hour

Employment | 2,050 are employed in Nevada, including 1,770 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 380 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Massage therapists perform therapeutic manipulation of soft tissues and joints. This provides relaxation and improves overall health and well-being. Massage therapy is often described as both a science and an art. Therapists use knowledge about the body's anatomy to guide the use of different massage techniques. Many studies show that massages have several benefits including lowering blood pressure, reducing pain, and helping to improve recovery times. Medical massage therapists have advanced training and experience to improve patients' recovery.

Massage therapists apply oils, powders, or lotions to the skin before massaging the body. Some use hydrotherapy (water, ice, or steam) as part of the massage. They may also use herbal wraps and oil compresses. There are several different types of massage like Swedish, Shiatsu, deep tissue, and trigger point. Most massage therapists blend techniques and styles.

Common massage styles used in medicine include acupressure, lymph node drainage, sports massage, and reflexology. On-site massage, polarity, hot-stone, and muscle energy are also popular techniques. It is common for massage therapists to specialize in one or more techniques.

Massage therapists interview clients and take brief medical histories to tailor each treatment. Most work in spas and private offices, while some travel to clients' homes. Many are independent contractors with flexible work schedules. Massage therapists may consult with other health care professionals to develop treatment plans and help people manage injuries, stress, and chronic pain.

At-a-Glance

- Massage therapists perform therapeutic manipulation of soft tissues and joints
- Learn about clients' medical histories and problems to assess the type of treatment
- Often are independent contractors with flexible work schedules
- Education and training typically lasts one year
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy
- Salary ranges from \$25,000 to \$89,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- AMO Massage School (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Aveda Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- European Massage Therapy School (Las Vegas)
 - Diploma, Certificate
- FuZuBa School of Massage and Reflexology (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Milan Institute (Sparks)
 - Certificate
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Diploma
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Clinical Massage Therapist
- Licensed Massage Therapist
- Medical Massage Therapist

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Average Salary: \$104,770 | \$50 per hour

Employment | 1,090 are employed in Nevada,
including 890 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 424 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rate

Overview

Occupational therapists (OTs) help people improve, develop, recover, or maintain the skills needed to perform tasks in living and working environments. They assist clients in enhancing basic motor functions, reasoning abilities, and adapting to permanent loss of function. OTs work closely with individuals who have mental, physical, developmental, or emotional disabilities resulting from birth defects, injuries, illnesses, or aging.

Occupational therapists evaluate patients' current abilities and set realistic rehabilitation goals. They collaborate with other professionals on the patient's care team to help clients lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives.

Occupational therapists engage their patients in a variety of activities designed to improve and adapt physical strength, coordination, vision, memory, and reasoning skills. They may use items such as puzzles, scissors, or computer software during therapy sessions.

They teach some patients how to use wheelchairs and other assistive devices. OTs also design or recommend specialized equipment for use at work or home and suggest modifications to the physical environment to better meet their patients' needs. Some occupational therapists assist patients in finding and maintaining employment by arranging job placements, planning work activities, and monitoring progress through evaluations.

Occupational therapists may specialize in working with patients of a specific age group or with particular disabilities. In addition, many lead programs in hospitals, community centers, and other organizations to promote health and raise awareness about disabilities.

At-a-Glance

- Occupational therapists help people with disabilities live independently
- Plan, organize, conduct, and evaluate occupational therapy programs
- Work closely with patients and healthcare workers
- Must have a master's degree, some have a doctorate
- Need a license from the State of Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy
- Salary ranges from \$68,500 to \$150,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University (Henderson)
 - Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Average Salary: **\$76,450** | \$37 per hour

Employment | 380 are employed in Nevada,
including 320 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 280 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Occupational therapist assistants (OTAs) work under the supervision of occupational therapists. They assist individuals with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, helping them live more independently by teaching and developing life skills.

Occupational therapist assistants follow treatment plans designed by occupational therapists and help patients perform prescribed activities and exercises. These activities include self-care and work-related skills. Assistants teach patients and their families how to manage basic living skills at home.

Occupational therapist assistants instruct patients about the care and use of special equipment. They help patients determine what steps are required to complete each activity and guide them through the learning process. For example, some patients are taught how to move from a bed to a wheelchair. Depending on the activity, such as games or crafts, assistants may demonstrate the steps. As patients perform these tasks, assistants monitor and record their progress for occupational therapists to review.

At-a-Glance

- OTAs help people with disabilities learn to live independently
- Work under the supervision of occupational therapists
- Must have an associate's degree
- Many are certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
- Need a license from the State of Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy
- Salary ranges from \$54,500 to \$95,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
– Associate

Related Job Titles

- Acute Care Occupational Therapy Assistant
- K-12 Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Occupational Therapy Aide

ORTHOTIST AND PROSTHETIST

Average Salary: **\$84,840** | \$41 per hour

Employment | 80 are employed in Nevada,
including 60 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 20 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Orthotists design, build, and fit braces, supports, and corrective shoes called orthoses. Prosthetists design, build, and fit prostheses that replace limbs like arms, legs, hands, or feet. Both professionals use creativity and craftsmanship to create, repair, and maintain these devices. They work on and design appliances prescribed by physicians and veterinarians.

Orthotists and prosthetists often collaborate with other medical professionals to determine the appropriate device and treatment plan. They examine patients and take precise measurements of the affected body parts. Sometimes, they make plaster casts directly from the patient's body to ensure it fits comfortably. Using these measurements, they create models and detail designs for replacement limbs, corrective shoes, inserts, braces, or surgical supports.

Once designs are complete, orthotists and prosthetists send them to assistants or technicians to fabricate the devices. They select materials and components such as wood, plastic, fabric, padding, and metal. They may form, saw, mold, shape, grind, polish, buff, or sew parts together, using screws, rivets, glue, or heat to assemble the finished product. When the devices are ready, they work with patients to fit, test, and evaluate them, ensuring proper function and comfort. They also teach patients how to use and care for their devices.

Orthotists and prosthetists continually research new designs, materials, and technologies. They discuss innovations with patients and colleagues, and they educate student doctors, assistants, technicians, and rehabilitation counselors about orthoses and prostheses. They also attend conferences and seminars to stay current in their field, and many publish findings from their work.

At-a-Glance

- Orthotists design braces, supports, and corrective shoes
- Prosthetists create replacement limbs, such as arms, legs, hands, or feet
- They fit, test, and evaluate devices on patients
- Work closely with doctors, assistants, and patients
- Must have a master's degree
- Many are certified by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics
- Salary ranges from \$65,500 to \$120,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

There are no master's programs for orthotists and prosthetists in Nevada, students can begin by earning a bachelor's degree in biomedical equipment, biomedical engineering, or mechanical engineering

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's

Related Job Titles

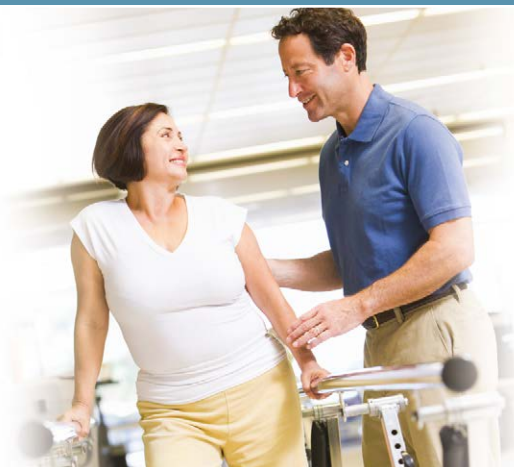
- Certified Orthotist
- Certified Pedorthist
- Certified Prosthetist
- Certified Prosthetist Orthotist
- Licensed Prosthetist and Orthotist
- Orthotic Practitioner
- Prosthetic Practitioner

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Average Salary: \$105,170 | \$51 per hour

Employment | 1,670 are employed in Nevada, including 1,290 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 786 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Physical therapists (PTs) diagnose and treat individuals of all ages with medical conditions that limit their ability to move and perform activities. Doctors refer patients to physical therapists for conditions such as low back pain, arthritis, and injuries. PTs also work with patients recovering from surgery, accidents, strokes, or heart disease.

Physical therapists help patients manage pain and improve strength and mobility. They evaluate the patient's posture, balance, strength, muscle function, and range of motion. After assessment, PTs develop individual treatment plans. PTs often work with assistants and aides to help to carry out these plans.

Physical therapists use a wide range of treatments and ensure that patients understand how each one works. They facilitate movement by creating exercise programs that improve flexibility and build strength. In their practice, PTs use hot and cold packs, ultrasound, electrical stimulation, deep tissue massage, and traction devices. They may refer patients for prosthetic devices, which serves as artificial replacements for limbs.

Physical therapists teach patients how to exercise at home and use assistive devices. They monitor progress and modify plans as needed. PTs collaborate with other medical professionals to review patients' responses to treatment. They may also lead group activities, train physical therapy students, conduct research, and educate the community about injury prevention and rehabilitation.

At-a-Glance

- Physical therapists treat individuals that have disability, injury, or pain
- Work with patients, doctors, and other health professionals
- The majority are self-employed with flexible work schedules
- Must have a doctoral degree
- Must pass the National Physical Therapy Exam
- Need a license from the State of Nevada Physical Therapy Board
- Salary ranges from \$83,500 to \$150,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Touro University (Henderson)
 - Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Pre-physical Therapy

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Average Salary: \$77,450 | \$37 per hour

Employment | 590 are employed in Nevada,
including 440 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 483 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates

Overview

Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) carry out treatment plans developed by physical therapists. They work with patients who have conditions such as low back pain, arthritis, heart disease, fractures, or injuries from accidents. Under the supervision of a physical therapist, PTAs assist patients with prescribed therapies.

Physical therapist assistants review each patient's treatment plan with the physical therapist and teach exercises that strengthen muscles or improve mobility. They train patients in the use and care for braces, prostheses, and assistive devices. Under a physical therapist's supervision, PTAs can administer traction, provide massage, apply heat or cold packs, use electrical stimulation, and ultrasound.

Physical therapist assistants record patient progress and report their observations to the physical therapist so treatment plans can be adjusted as needed. They measure patients' range of motion in specific joints or body parts to track improvement. PTAs help keep therapy sessions productive by maintaining clean and organized treatment areas and assisting patients in moving to and from therapy spaces. The specific duties of a PTA may vary depending on the size and type of facility. Many physical therapists begin their careers as physical therapist assistants.

At-a-Glance

- Physical therapist assistants help patients improve their mobility and reduce their pain
- Are supervised by physical therapists
- Education and training through a two-year program or a bachelor's in kinesiology
- Must pass the National Physical Therapy Exam
- Need a license from the State of Nevada Physical Therapy Board
- Salary ranges from \$29,000 to \$88,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Carrington College (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Unitek College (Reno)
 - Associate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's

RECREATIONAL THERAPIST

Average Salary: **\$77,450** | \$37 per hour

Employment | 410 are employed in Nevada, including 360 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | Less than 10 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Recreational therapists use leisure and recreational activities as part of treatment to help patients improve their physical, emotional, and social well-being. They plan and implement therapy programs that align with each patient's interests and needs. Recreational therapists use educational, behavioral, and activity-based strategies to support individuals with disabilities or illnesses. These programs help prevent or reduce physical, mental, and social challenges.

Recreational therapists develop detailed treatment plans and adjust them as needed after consulting with family members and reviewing medical records. They organize activities such as art, music, dance, sports, games, and crafts to enhance functional abilities and promote healthy lifestyle behaviors. These activities help increase independence, community involvement, and overall quality of life. Recreational therapists also provide emotional support by talking with patients and listening to their concerns, helping to ease depression, stress, and anxiety. They document each patient's progress throughout treatment.

Recreational therapists work in hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, and other healthcare settings alongside doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, and physical and occupational therapists. They are key members of interdisciplinary treatment teams in both healthcare and community-based human service agencies. There are three levels of recreational therapists. The basic level requires a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation or a related field such as art, dance, music, or physical education. One year of experience in recreation therapy qualifies individuals for Specialist I or II positions, while two years of experience or certification is required to be a Specialist III.

At-a-Glance

- Recreational therapists conduct therapy sessions to improve patients mental and physical well-being
- Use a variety of therapeutic techniques, including arts and crafts, drama, dance, sports, and field trips
- Must have a bachelor's degree
- Many are certified by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification
- Salary ranges from \$50,500 to \$98,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

There are no accredited degree programs for recreational therapists in Nevada, students can begin by earning an associate degree in related fields such as anatomy, kinesiology, or public health.

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Associate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Associate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Associate

Related Job Titles

- Activity Therapist
- Art Therapist
- Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- General Activities Therapist
- Music Therapist
- Therapeutic Recreation Specialist



REHABILITATION COUNSELOR

Average Salary: \$76,350 | \$37 per hour

Employment | 470 are employed in Nevada, including 300 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 400 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Rehabilitation counselors work with individuals who have physical, mental, developmental, or emotional disabilities to maximize their independence and employability. Rehabilitation counselors help clients adjust to their disability so they can lead self-sufficient and independent lives at home, on the job, and in the community. Much of the counselor's job involves advocating on behalf of their clients to ensure they have adequate training and resources to be successful. They work closely with clients to develop their strengths and adjust to compensate for limitations.

Rehabilitation counselors work one-on-one with clients to determine their needs, abilities, and interests. With this information, counselors work with families, doctors, social workers, and other therapists to develop treatment plans and secure client resources. They teach clients necessary skills and creative ways to complete tasks, sometimes using special tools and devices.

Rehabilitation counselors also work directly with a client's coworkers and managers, advising them on the best ways to assist their client to be effective on the job. They can also identify potential problems, such as physical barriers or procedural processes, so necessary changes can be made. Sometimes, counselors will help individuals transition to different life stages, like graduating from school to entering the workforce.

At-a-Glance

- Rehabilitation counselors help people with disabilities live and work independently
- Work closely with patients and health care workers
- Must have a bachelor's degree and field experience, or a master's degree
- Many are certified by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
- Salary ranges from \$59,500 to \$98,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's

Related Job Titles

- Human Services Care Specialist
- Rehabilitation Specialist
- Vocational Case Manager
- Vocational Placement Specialist

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

Average Salary: \$85,160 | \$41 per hour

Employment | 1,420 are employed in Nevada, including 1,090 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 130 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Respiratory therapists (RTs) evaluate, treat, and care for patients with breathing or other cardiopulmonary disorders. Working under the direction of physicians, RTs are responsible for all respiratory care treatments, diagnostic procedures, and the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. They collaborate with physicians and healthcare staff to develop and adjust patient care plans. RTs also provide advanced therapy to patients in critical condition, including those on life support in hospital intensive care units.

Respiratory therapists work in hospitals, sleep centers, surgical settings, and urgent care facilities. They often assist patients with complex breathing issues by testing lung capacity and measuring oxygen and acidity levels in the blood. RTs monitor patients' conditions and consult with physicians if adverse reactions occur. They also explain procedures to patients and help them feel comfortable throughout treatment.

To treat patients, respiratory therapists use various devices and life support systems, such as ventilators. They teach patients how to properly use and maintain home equipment like oxygen tanks and administer inhaled medications. RTs instruct patients on correct breathing techniques to ensure medications are most effective.

Respiratory therapists also track the use and maintenance of patient equipment to ensure safety standards are met. In some cases, they perform procedures outside their typical role, such as stress tests to evaluate heart and lung function.

At-a-Glance

- Respiratory therapists treat and manage complex breathing disorders
- Work under a physician's supervision
- Must have an associate's degree
- Increasingly employers prefer individuals with a bachelor's degree
- Need a certification from the National Board of Respiratory Care
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
- Salary ranges from \$64,500 to \$115,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Carrington College (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate, Bachelor's
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Associate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Associate

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST



Average Salary: \$100,840 | \$48 per hour

Employment | 1,170 are employed in Nevada,
including 850 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 603 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates

Overview

Speech-language pathologists, also known as speech therapists, assess and treat individuals with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. They work with people who have difficulty producing speech sounds, such as those with a lisp or stutter, and help patients who wish to improve their communication skills by modifying an accent. Speech-language pathologists treat individuals with cognitive-communication impairments affecting attention, memory, and problem-solving. They also work with individuals who have difficulty swallowing.

During the initial consultation, speech-language pathologists evaluate a client's communication and language comprehension skills by assessing hearing, cognitive abilities, and the structure and function of the mouth and related muscles.

Speech-language pathologists collaborate with other professionals to interpret test results and design individualized treatment plans. They may teach clients how to produce specific sounds, use sign language, or read lips. Some speech-language pathologists conduct research on new treatments and publish their findings, while others educate teachers and medical staff on the prevention and management of hearing and speech disorders.

At-a-Glance

- Speech-language pathologists treat language and speaking disorders
- Work with people of all ages
- Must have a master's degree, some have a doctoral degree
- Need a license by the Nevada State Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology
- Salary ranges from \$55,500 to \$133,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist
- Communication Specialist
- Educational Speech-Language Clinician
- Speech and Hearing Special Education Teacher
- Speech and Language Clinician
- Speech and Language Specialist
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Speech Therapist

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PREPARER

Average Salary: **\$45,680** | \$22 per hour

Employment | 540 are employed in Nevada, including 350 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 55 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Medical equipment preparers help prevent the spread of germs and bacteria in healthcare settings by sterilizing, cleaning, and maintaining laboratory and medical equipment. They use various methods, such as steam autoclaves and washers, to sterilize instruments. Preparers maintain a wide range of items, including dialysis machines, surgical tools, hospital beds, and respirators.

Medical equipment preparers ensure that commonly used supplies and instruments are readily available for staff and handle requests for special equipment. Preparers inspect equipment for defects to ensure unsafe items are removed from use. They also maintain sterilization machines, manage supply inventories, and keep records of sterilizer test results.

Medical equipment preparers work in hospitals, dental offices, colleges, and outpatient care centers. Most employers provide on-the-job training, as a high school diploma is typically the minimum requirement. Many healthcare professionals begin their careers as medical equipment preparers before advancing to other roles in the medical field.

At-a-Glance

- Medical equipment preparers clean instruments to prepare them for sterilization
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Education typically lasts one year
- Most train on the job
- Certification is optional, but recommended
- Salary ranges from \$38,500 to \$58,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadow Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Central Processing Technician
- Central Sterile Supply Technician
- Instrument Technician
- Medical Appliance Preparer
- Sterile Processing Technician



MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: \$48,530 | \$23 per hour

Employment | 240 are employed in Nevada, including 200 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 168 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Medical laboratory technicians perform routine laboratory tests for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease under the supervision of a medical laboratory technologist or laboratory supervisor. They run tests using samples of body fluids, cells, or tissues. Examples of testing include looking for bacteria, parasites, and other microorganisms; analyzing the chemical content of fluids; matching blood for transfusions; and testing for drug levels in the blood to monitor patient treatment.

Medical Laboratory technicians prepare specimens for examination, count cells, and look for abnormal cells in blood and body fluids. Specimens are tested using sophisticated laboratory equipment such as chemical analyzers or cell counters. After performing tests, medical laboratory technicians record, evaluate, and send results back to physicians or medical researchers.

They also set up, clean, and maintain laboratory equipment such as centrifuges and microscopes, and prepare solutions for laboratory use by measuring and mixing the correct amounts of various chemicals. With additional education and training, medical laboratory technicians can advance to positions such as medical laboratory technologists or laboratory supervisors.

At-a-Glance

- Medical laboratory technicians run tests using body fluid, cells, or tissue samples
- Must have an associate's degree
- Have to be certified by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
- Salary ranges from \$35,000 to \$54,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Henderson, Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas College
 - Certificate
- Medical Skills for Life Institute (Reno)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Blood-Gas Technician
- Clinical Laboratory Technician
- Histologic Technician
- Laboratory Assistant
- Office Laboratory Assistant
- Pathologist Assistant
- Point-of-Care Coordinator

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST

Average Salary: **\$74,650** | \$36 per hour

Employment | 1,310 are employed in Nevada,
including 1,080 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 950 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates



Overview

Medical laboratory technologists perform complex laboratory tests used to detect, diagnose, and treat patients. On any given day, their duties may range from confirming a case of diabetes to detecting leukemia.

They analyze samples of body fluids, cells, and tissues to identify abnormal blood cells, toxic agents, and cancerous tumors. Blood tests are frequently used to determine specific health information, such as cell morphology, blood type, or treatment compatibility. Technologists use specialized equipment to conduct these tests and are responsible for maintaining the instruments to ensure accurate results.

Compared with medical laboratory technicians, these technologists perform more advanced tests and often supervise or train other laboratory staff. They also provide technical insight into test results for physicians, family members, and researchers. With further training, many technologists specialize in areas such as blood bank technology, chemistry, cytology, histology, microbiology, hematology, immunology, immunohematology, nuclear medicine, histocompatibility, and biotechnology.

At-a-Glance

- Medical laboratory technologists run complex tests using body fluid, cell, or tissue samples
- Consult with pathologists and other physicians about laboratory tests results
- Must have a bachelor's degree
- Must be certified by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
- Salary ranges from \$48,000 to \$100,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Bachelor's
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Associate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Associate

Related Job Titles

- Blood-Gas Technologist
- Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Clinical Laboratory Supervisor
- Clinical Laboratory Technical Specialist
- Clinical Laboratory Technologist
- Cytotechnologist
- Histologist Technologist
- Medical Technologist
- Microbiology Technologist

Average Salary: **\$44,390** | \$21 per hour

Employment | 1,120 are employed in Nevada,
including 910 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 263 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates

Overview

Phlebotomists collect, transport, handle, and process blood specimens for analysis, donation, and other medical purposes. They use specialized medical equipment and supplies—such as tourniquets, needles, and swabs—to collect blood samples safely and efficiently.

Because of the risk of bloodborne pathogens, phlebotomists take numerous precautions to prevent disease transmission. They ensure all equipment is sterilized before use and wear protective gloves to guard against exposure. Some phlebotomists are also responsible for transporting blood samples to laboratories, following strict safety and infection-control procedures during transit.

Phlebotomists work in hospitals, laboratories, and doctors' offices, as well as in blood banks, pharmaceutical companies, and home health agencies. Others may work in research institutions, hospices, or public health clinics. Accuracy, composure under pressure, and strong communication skills are essential, as phlebotomists interact with people of all ages and backgrounds.

They frequently reassure patients and families who may be anxious about having blood drawn. Many healthcare professionals begin their careers as phlebotomists and later advance to positions such as medical laboratory technicians or technologists.

At-a-Glance

- Phlebotomists collect, transport, handle, and process blood specimens for analysis, donation, and other medical purposes
- Need a certification from the National Phlebotomy Association
- Must be certified as a Laboratory Assistant or an Office Laboratory Assistant from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
- Salary ranges from \$37,000 to \$55,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Carrington College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas College
 - Certificate
- Medical Skills for Life Institute (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Phlebotomy Learning Center of Las Vegas
 - Certificate
- Phlebotomy Training Specialists (Las Vegas, Reno)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Blood Collection Specialist
- Laboratory Assistant
- Medical Laboratory Assistant
- Office Laboratory Assistant

MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIOLOGY

Average Salary: \$66,850 | \$32 per hour

Employment | 290 are employed in Nevada, including 220 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 314 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Cardiovascular technicians and technologists use tests to evaluate the pulmonary (lung) and cardiac (heart and blood vessel) systems of patients. They operate specialized electronic testing equipment, recording devices, and laboratory instruments for diagnostic, therapeutic, or research purposes. Common procedures include electrocardiograms (EKGs), stress testing, and echocardiograms. Cardiovascular technologists receive additional education and training to perform more complex tasks and assist physicians with advanced procedures.

Cardiovascular technicians who perform EKG tests are called electrocardiograph technicians and often assist cardiovascular technologists. An EKG machine records the heart's rhythm to help identify irregularities. These technicians also conduct stress tests—often using treadmills—and fit patients with portable heart monitors that collect data for physicians to analyze.

Cardiovascular technologists monitor heart activity and assist physicians in diagnosing cardiovascular diseases. They also help perform cardiac catheterizations, which involve inserting small tubes, called catheters, into a patient's blood vessels. During these procedures, they monitor blood pressure and heart activity. Cardiovascular technologists may also assist during open-heart surgeries and other cardiac interventions. Some specialize in using ultrasound technology to create images of the heart and are known as echocardiographers.

Many healthcare professionals begin their careers as cardiovascular technicians and later advance to other medical imaging professions.

At-a-Glance

- Cardiovascular technicians and technologists use tests to evaluate and record patients pulmonary and cardiac functioning
- Cardiovascular Technician must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and pass a national certification exam
- Cardiovascular technologists must have an associate degree, some have a bachelor's
- Salary ranges from \$39,500 to \$112,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas College
 - Associate
- Medical Skills for Life Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Cardiac/Vascular Sonographer
- Cardio-Pulmonary Perfusionist
- Echocardiographic Technician
- Perfusionist
- Sonographer
- Ultrasound Technician
- Ultrasound Technologist



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER

Average Salary: **\$94,370** | \$45 per hour

Employment | 470 are employed in Nevada, including 320 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 400 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Diagnostic medical sonographers use ultrasound equipment to examine organs and tissues throughout a patient's body. Ultrasound imaging is used for a variety of medical purposes, including abdominal, breast, and cardiac sonography, as well as prenatal imaging to view a developing baby. Because ultrasound technology uses sound waves to produce images, it allows for the safe examination of tissues and organs without radiation exposure.

Diagnostic medical sonographers use a specialized instrument called a transducer to scan the patient's body. Transducers come in different shapes and sizes to accommodate various parts of the body. Sonographers use ultrasound imaging to examine, assess, and assist in diagnosing patients. They are trained to distinguish between healthy and abnormal tissues and organs. Their findings are reviewed and confirmed by a physician for a final diagnosis.

Diagnostic medical sonographers also collaborate with clinical and non-clinical staff to coordinate services, referrals, and patient care.

At-a-Glance

- Diagnostic medical sonographers use ultrasound to examine, assess, and help diagnose patients
- Must have an associate degree
- Bachelor's degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography is increasingly desired by employers
- Must be certified by a nationally recognized sonography credentialing organization
- Salary ranges from \$78,000 to \$120,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate, Bachelor's
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's

Areas of Specialization

- Abdomen Sonography
- Adult Echocardiography
- Breast Sonography
- Fetal Echocardiography
- Musculoskeletal Sonography
- Pediatric Echocardiography
- Pediatric Sonography

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST

Average Salary: \$107,670 | \$52 per hour

Employment | 120 are employed in Nevada, including 90 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 42 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Nuclear medicine technologists prepare, measure, and administer radioactive drugs to patients for imaging or treatment. They work directly with physicians and radiation therapists to calculate how much radiation or radioactive medication each treatment requires. They then prepare the correct dosage and give it to the patient by mouth, injection, or other means.

Nuclear medicine technologists use advanced imaging equipment and cameras to detect radioactive medications as they move through the body. They carefully measure drug dosages and calibrate equipment to ensure patients do not receive excessive radiation, while monitoring the patient for any adverse reactions. Similar procedures are also used to treat cancers or tumors without surgery.

Nuclear medicine technologists conduct studies to assess how radioactive materials behave inside the body. They also run tests on cardiac function and develop procedures for treatment programs. In addition, they follow strict safety protocols for ordering, disposing of, and storing radioactive materials. Some technologists also train and supervise others working or studying in nuclear medicine programs.

At-a-Glance

- Nuclear medicine technologists administer radiation to detect or treat diseases
- Follow safety guidelines to properly handle radioactive materials
- Must have an associate's degree, many have a bachelor's degree
- Need certification from the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board or the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
- Need a license from the Nevada Division of Public Behavioral Health, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
- Salary ranges from \$85,000 to \$125,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
– Bachelor's

Related Job Titles

- Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist
- Nuclear Cardiology Technologist
- Registered Nuclear Medicine Technologist



RADIATION THERAPIST

Average Salary: \$97,200 | \$47 per hour

Employment | 70 are employed in Nevada

Job Outlook | 114 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Radiation therapists administer radiation treatments to patients with cancer and other diseases. They collaborate with doctors and medical dosimetrists to develop and verify treatment plans.

Before beginning treatment, radiation therapists explain procedures to patients, answer their questions, and provide emotional support. They carefully position patients to ensure radiation is delivered to the correct area. Radiation therapists also protect themselves and their patients from unnecessary exposure by using specialized tools and safety procedures.

During treatment sessions, radiation therapists closely observe patients, watch for any unusual reactions, and record how each patient responds. They also perform daily tests on treatment machines to ensure the correct radiation dose is being delivered.

At-a-Glance

- Radiation therapists administer prescribed doses of radiation to treat diseases
- Conduct treatment sessions independently under the general direction of a physician
- Must have an associate's degree, some have a bachelor's degree
- Need certification and registration from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
- Salary ranges from \$83,000 to \$223,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Associate

Related Job Titles

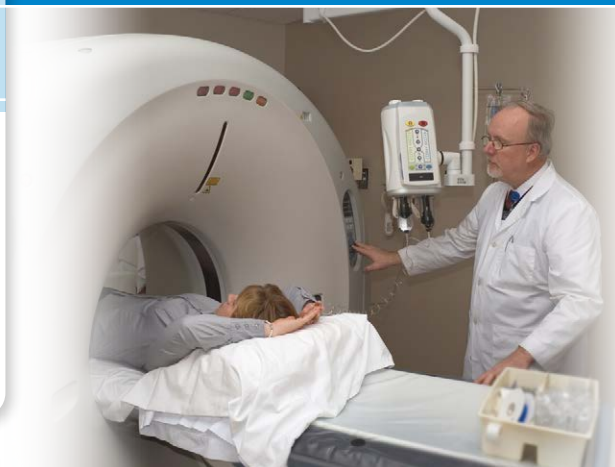
- Computed Tomography Simulation Therapist
- Medical Dosimetrist
- Radiation Therapy Technologist

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST

Average Salary: \$88,120 | \$42 per hour

Employment | 1,530 are employed in Nevada, including 1,110 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 687 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Radiologic technologists use specialized equipment to create images of internal organs, tissues, and bones. They use X-rays, fluoroscopy, and computerized tomography (CT) to scan and image patients. Depending on the procedure, they may capture single images, such as an X-ray to view bones, or real-time moving images using fluoroscopy. They work under the general supervision of physicians to produce accurate diagnostic images. Some technologists receive additional training to operate magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment, which provides even more detailed images.

Radiologic technologists prepare patients for imaging by explaining procedures, positioning them correctly, and using specialized equipment to minimize unnecessary radiation exposure. For certain procedures, they administer a contrast solution that enhances the visibility of specific body areas during imaging.

Radiologic technologists monitor patients throughout the procedure and review the resulting images for clarity and quality. Experienced technologists may also supervise and train other members of the radiologic team.

At-a-Glance

- Radiologic technologists conduct x-ray and fluoroscopy procedures to diagnose illnesses
- Some specialize in operating MRI machines
- Education and training typically lasts two years
- Need certificate and registration from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
- Salary ranges from \$60,000 to \$121,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Associate
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's

Related Job Titles

- Computed Tomography (CT) Radiologic Technologist
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist
- Mammographer
- Mammography Technologist
- Radiographer
- X-Ray Technologist

DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

NUTRITION AND DIETETIC TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: **\$37,520** | \$18 per hour

Employment | 470 are employed in Nevada,
including 350 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 25 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Nutrition and dietetic technicians educate clients about proper nutrition, food selection, and healthy meal preparation. They commonly assist registered dietitians in providing food services and nutritional programs that promote better health. They also collaborate with doctors, nurses, or family members to support patient care.

Nutrition and dietetic technicians work in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, prisons, daycare centers, public health departments, and factories with food service operations. In some cases, they work directly with clients in their homes or at neighborhood health centers, to help families plan nutritious meals. They may also give presentations to community groups on topics such as diet, nutrition, healthy eating habits, disease prevention, and overall wellness. In addition, they may organize and teach food preparation classes. Nutrition and dietetic technicians also supervise and manage employees who prepare and serve food.

With additional education and training, nutrition and dietetic technicians can advance to other positions, such as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

At-a-Glance

- Nutrition and dietetic technicians plan menus and diets to improve health
- Some supervise food production
- Must have an associate's degree
- Must have 450 hours of supervised experience
- Must be registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration
- Need to be licensed by the Nevada Division Public and Behavioral Health, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
- Salary ranges from \$29,000 to \$46,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
– Associate

Related Job Titles

- Clinical Dietetic Technician
- Dietary Aide
- Nutrition Assistant
- Nutrition Technician



REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST

Average Salary: \$73,930 | \$36 per hour

Employment | 540 are employed in Nevada, including 400 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 210 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) are experts in using food and nutrition to promote health and prevent or manage disease. They plan and oversee food service and nutrition programs that support wellness and disease control. Dietitians typically work in four main areas: management, clinical, community, and consulting.

Management dietitians oversee meal planning on a large scale. They typically work in large hospitals, schools, prisons, and cafeterias. They supervise staff who plan, prepare, and serve meals.

Clinical dietitians work in hospitals, nursing homes, and physicians' offices. They develop meal plans that provide the proper nutrients for patients and offer medical nutrition therapy, such as low-cholesterol and low-fat diets. They also monitor patients' progress to see whether dietary changes are improving their health.

Community dietitians work with individuals and the public to promote healthy eating habits. They design and teach classes on diet and nutrition, plan and organize educational materials, and assess patients' nutritional needs to create appropriate diets. Some community dietitians develop large-scale programs aimed at improving the health of entire populations. Most work in public health settings, while others are employed by schools, home health agencies, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), food banks, or grocery stores.

Consultant dietitians often run their own businesses. They assess clients' health and provide dietary advice to those seeking to improve their eating habits. Consultant dietitians may also work with businesses in the food industry, offering guidance on nutrition-related aspects of their products.

At-a-Glance

- Registered dietitian nutritionists promote healthy nutrition
- Work with patients, clients, doctors, nurses, and food service workers
- Must have a master's degree
- Must complete an internship program with a minimum of 1,000 hours of supervised experience
- Must be registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration
- Need to be licensed by the Nevada Division Public and Behavioral Health, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
- Salary ranges from \$52,500 to \$96,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

Salary Range: \$150,000 to \$1,000,000

Employment | 80 are employed in Nevada, including 55 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | Less than 10 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Health services administrators plan and manage the delivery of health care. Some serve as chief executive officers (CEOs) who oversee hospitals and other health care facilities, including nursing homes. These leaders are often referred to as part of the “C-Suite,” holding titles such as CEO or Hospital Administrator.

Administrators stay up to date on new laws, regulations, and policies as they are responsible for the quality of health care services. They oversee the hospital or clinic and represent the facility to governing boards and the public. Administrators set budgets, monitor spending, and track changes in the health care field—such as the growing focus on population health management.

They often collaborate with community groups to assess local health needs, develop educational materials, and promote wellness initiatives. Administrators also maintain regular communication with staff, department heads, and governing boards to keep everyone informed about new developments, changes, and organizational needs. In addition, they ensure that their facilities are prepared to respond effectively in the event of an emergency.

At-a-Glance

- Health services administrators run hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and other medical facilities
- Are responsible for work outcomes and quality of health care services
- Stay up to date on new laws and regulations
- Supervise managers and assistant administrators
- Represent the facility to investors, governing boards, and the public
- Many have advanced degrees (e.g., master’s, Ph.D., M.D., J.D.)
- Nursing home administrators need a license from the Nevada State Board of Examiners of Long-Term Care Administrators

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Master’s, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Master’s, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Chief Operational Officer (COO)

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Average Salary: \$43,870 | \$21 per hour

Employment | 7,110 are employed in Nevada,
including 5,510 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 370 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Medical administrative assistants have specific knowledge of medical terminology and procedures to provide support to all staff in health care offices. They work closely with doctors and patients. Their duties include answering phones, scheduling appointments, and greeting patients as they arrive. Many also prepare and send billing information to health insurance companies and create bills for patients. Other responsibilities include compiling and maintaining medical charts, as well as tracking and ordering office supplies.

Some medical administrative assistants transcribe notes and reports dictated by physicians and other health care professionals. They may also record patients' basic medical histories, health insurance information, and fill out other related forms. In some cases, they arrange hospital admissions or coordinate referrals to laboratories or other health care providers.

Medical administrative assistants receive training in information coding, insurance theory, computerized billing, office communications, and patient interaction. They must be highly organized, efficient, and possess strong interpersonal skills. Many health care professionals begin their careers as medical administrative assistants.

At-a-Glance

- Medical administrative assistants are the primary point of contact for patients and ensure the office runs smoothly
- Have a high level of social contact working closely with medical staff and patients
- Need a high school diploma or equivalent
- Certificate programs take less than a year to complete
- Salary ranges from \$35,500 to \$57,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas College
 - Certificate
- Medical Skills for Life Institute (Las Vegas, Reno)
 - Certificate
- Milan Institute (Las Vegas, Sparks)
 - Certificate
- National Career Skills Institute (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Diploma
- Professional Institute of Technology Inc. (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Unitek College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Medical Back Office Assistant
- Medical Front Office Assistant
- Medical Receptionist
- Medical Secretary

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES MANAGER

Average Salary: \$124,700 | \$60 per hour

Employment | 5,420 are employed in Nevada,
including 3,700 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 305 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Medical and health services managers are professionals responsible for overseeing large departments or clinical areas, such as nursing or surgery. They establish unit-specific standards, and most have training and work experience in the areas they manage. For example, an experienced nurse can be promoted to manage all the nurses in a department.

Medical and health services managers are considered mid-level managers that maintain regular communication with staff and upper management to ensure that everyone stays informed about new developments, changes, and department needs within the hospital, clinic, managed care organization, or public health agency.

Many medical and health services managers oversee human resources, finance, and other administrative departments. They hire staff, maintain employee records, establish work schedules, assign duties, and foster high-performing teams.

At-a-Glance

- Medical and health services managers direct and supervise department staff
- Keep staff up to date on new laws and regulations
- Must have a bachelor's degree in a health-related field, such as public health, human services, or health administration, combined with four years of professional experience
- Salary ranges from \$64,000 to \$196,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Bachelor's
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Associates
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Clinic Manager
- Clinical Director
- Director of Operations
- Director of Patient Care Services
- Health Information Manager
- Human Resources Manager
- Laboratory Facility Manager
- Medical Office Manager
- Nurse Manager
- Nursing Director

MEDICAL BILLER AND CODER



Average Salary: **\$48,540** | \$23 per hour

Employment | 1,070 are employed in Nevada,
including 677 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 560 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Medical billers and coders process medical insurance billing and claims in healthcare settings by using specialized coding. Every time a patient receives professional health care, the medical biller and coder reviews doctors' and nurses' notes in the medical records that explain the treatments provided. They then assign codes for each treatment, service, and medication. These codes are based on International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes and Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) coding systems. After assigning the correct codes, they prepare an insurance claim to ensure that healthcare providers are paid for their services.

Medical billers and coders are responsible for accurately coding claims and are trained to understand insurance plans and regulations, ICD and CPT codes, and billing guidelines. They ensure that all insurance forms are completed accurately. In addition to coding, they prepare billing invoices, collect payments, interpret benefits, handle denied claims, and process appeals.

Medical billers and coders work in many types of healthcare settings, including doctor's offices, surgery centers, and hospitals. Some billers and coders work from home as independent contractors and bill for their services on an hourly basis.

At-a-Glance

- Medical billers and coders assign health service ICD and CPT codes to create insurance claims
- Need a high school diploma or equivalent
- Education and training usually takes less than a year to complete
- Salary ranges from \$42,500 to \$54,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Certificate
- Las Vegas College (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Medical Skills for Life Institute (Las Vegas, Reno)
 - Certificate
- Moving Forward Learning Centers (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- National Career Skills Institute (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Nevada Career Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Northwest Career College (Las Vegas)
 - Diploma
- Professional Institute of Technology Inc. (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- United Education Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Medical Billing and Posting Clerks
- Medical Insurance Specialists

MEDICAL INTERPRETER AND TRANSLATOR

Average Salary: \$49,110 | \$24 per hour

Employment | 140 are employed in Nevada

Job Outlook | Less than 10 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Medical interpreters and translators convert information from one language to another. Interpreters work in spoken or sign language, and translators work in written language. Medical interpreters and translators typically work in health care settings and help patients communicate with doctors, nurses, and other medical staff. Both interpreters and translators have a strong grasp of medical terminology and the common words for those medical terms in both languages. While interpreting and translating they maintain message content, context, and style as much as possible.

Medical interpreters work with live speech. They listen to speakers and translate what they say. Medical interpreters may interpret consecutively, which means they wait for the speaker to pause. They may also interpret simultaneously, which means they translate while the speaker talks. Medical interpreters must be sensitive to patient's personal situations with health care providers. Interpreters work in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, private offices, rehabilitation centers and nursing homes. They confront unique issues related to working in mental health facilities, substance abuse clinics, forensic services, and domestic violence programs.

Health or medical translators only work with written text. They primarily convert written information from one language to another instead of working directly with patients. They often convert information on brochures, forms, and website information. Translators access resources, like dictionaries, when making translations to ensure that the translated documents are accurate. Many specialize in one language and work as independent contractors.

At-a-Glance

- Medical interpreters and translators convert information from one language to another
- Many are self-employed
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and 40 hours of training
- Must be knowledgeable in health care terminology
- Work in-person, by telephone, or by video conference
- Must abide to the Code of Ethics of the National Standards of Practice
- Sign language interpreters must be registered with the Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry
- Have to registered with the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services Division
- Salary ranges from \$35,500 to \$66,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Cross Cultural Services, LLC (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

MEDICAL RECORDS SPECIALIST

Average Salary: \$60,530 | \$30 per hour

Employment | 2,980 are employed in Nevada, including 2,300 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 280 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Medical records specialists maintain electronic patient medical records for hospitals and clinics. Medical records specialists make sure records are complete and accurate, as well as secure and confidential. They conduct their work in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements of the health care system. Records include patient symptoms, diagnoses, medical history, treatment plans, and test results.

Medical records specialists enter patients' information into digital systems. Then, specialists work with medical billers and coders to assign a code to each diagnosis and procedure using International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes and Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes. The ICD and CPT is used in billing and determines the structure of payment from insurance companies to health care providers.

Some medical records specialists maintain special systems, called registries. These systems are for specific groups of patients, such as those who have cancer, heart disease, or organ transplants. They perform other related duties such as transcription, processing insurance bills, and handling patient admission and discharge forms.

At-a-Glance

- Medical records specialists manage and protect patient medical records
- Must be knowledgeable in health care terminology
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Work closely with medical billers and coders
- Work for hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices, or nursing homes
- Education and training typically last two years
- Salary ranges from \$36,500 to \$95,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Asher College (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Electronic Health Records Specialists
- Electronic Medical Records Specialists
- Health information Technician
- Medical Registrar

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST

Average Salary: **\$43,320** | \$21 per hour

Employment | 250 are employed in Nevada,
including 170 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 40 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Medical transcriptionists convert audio recordings, notes, and abbreviations from physicians and other health care providers into clear, easy-to-read reports. They transcribe written notes and audio recordings from patient visits and research activities. The original practitioner is expected to review and approve the final transcription for accuracy.

Medical transcriptionists must understand a variety of voices and accents, as well as strong knowledge of medical terminology. They identify inconsistencies or errors in medical terms and verify information using dictionaries, drug references, and other medical resources.

They type quickly, spell accurately, and use proper grammar. They also follow strict codes of ethics to protect patient confidentiality. Many transcriptionists work remotely or as independent contractors and often have flexible schedules. This occupation has been in a general decline, largely due to technological advancements in AI and speech recognition software.

At-a-Glance

- Medical transcriptionists transcribe written notes and audio recordings into readable reports
- Must have strong written and oral comprehension skills
- Must be knowledgeable in health care terminology
- Many are self-employed with flexible work schedules
- Employers increasingly prefer certification from an accredited institution
- Education and training programs last one or two years
- Salary ranges from \$36,130 to \$56,200

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

BIostatistician

Average Salary: \$71,250 | \$34 per hour

Employment | 60 are employed in Nevada, including 30 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | Less than 10 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Biostatisticians collect and analyze data from medical research. Their work involves applying statistical techniques in scientific studies and interpreting the results. They use statistics to explore various topics, including disease prevalence and rates, medicine effectiveness, and genetics. Based on their research, health professionals and providers can develop new treatments, health strategies, and medications for patients. Biostatisticians also study the effect of healthy lifestyles on preventing diseases such as cancer and heart problems.

Biostatisticians work for government agencies like the Nevada Health Authority, Southern Nevada Health District, and Northern Nevada Public Health. They also work for universities, hospitals, drug companies, and private research institutes.

Often, programs are offered through the school of public health because the field of study concentrates on medicine and disease. Most people working in biostatistics are considered research scientists.

At-a-Glance

- Biostatisticians use math to study health and medical issues
- Design research studies in collaboration with physicians, life scientists, or other professionals
- Have strong analytical and statistical software skills
- Many have a master's degree, some have a doctorate
- Salary ranges from \$51,000 to \$127,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Graduate Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Biomathematician
- Informatics Specialist
- Research Biostatistician
- Research Scientist
- Statistician



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Average Salary: \$57,380 | \$28 per hour

Employment | 550 are employed in Nevada, including 280 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 45 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Community health workers (CHWs) assist individuals and communities to promote, maintain, and improve health. Many health programs are turning to community health workers for their unique ability to serve as bridges between community members and health care services. They often provide outreach for medical personnel or health organizations to implement health and wellness programs.

Community health workers have a deep understanding of the interpersonal relationships in a community concerning health. They are often from the communities they serve. They speak the community's language and are adept at recognizing cultural factors, such as cultural identity, spiritual coping, and traditional health practices. They are frontline public health workers who serve as trusted community members.

Community health workers provide information on available resources, give social support, and advocate for individuals and community health needs. They help identify community health needs by collecting data. Community health workers also help clients navigate health systems, including enrollment in private plans such as Medicaid and Medicare.

There are training programs and opportunities to become a certified community health worker in Nevada. Employers often train community health workers on the job. Many health professionals begin their career as a community health worker and go on to pursue other careers including social work, clinical work, education, and advocacy.

At-a-Glance

- Community health workers conduct outreach and implement programs in the community
- Work for hospitals, clinics, government agencies, schools, and other health and human service organizations
- Advise and advocate for clients and community groups on a wide-range of health topics
- Act as a mediator between communities and health care systems
- Provide culturally appropriate and accessible health education and information
- Can become certified by the Nevada Certification Board
- Salary ranges from \$43,000 to \$106,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Comagine Health (Las Vegas)
 - Courses
- High Sierra AHEC (Reno)
 - Courses
- Nevada Community Health Worker Association (Dayton)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Courses

Related Job Titles

- Community Health Advocate
- Community Health Outreach Worker
- Community Health Representative
- Lay Health Educator
- Patient Navigator
- Peer Health Promoter
- Promotores (de Salud)

DOULA

Average Salary: \$78,000 | \$38 per hour

Employment | 140 are employed in Nevada

Job Outlook | Less than 10 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Doulas are non-medical professionals who give ongoing physical, emotional, and educational support to clients and their families throughout their reproductive journey. While doulas do not provide medical care, they often help connect clients with appropriate resources.

There are three main types of doulas including birth doulas, postpartum doulas, and full-spectrum doulas. Birth doulas work with clients during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and in early postpartum. Full-spectrum doulas do all the same work and provide additional support for clients experiencing fertility issues, as well as other unique pregnancy situations.

Doulas work in a variety of settings and are uniquely equipped to identify and fill critical gaps in health services. For example, community-based doulas work and live in the communities they serve. This enables them to provide additional consideration and support to their clients.

Most doulas run their own practices independently; however, there are also doula agencies. Doulas are increasingly recognized as essential to promoting positive birth outcomes.

At-a-Glance

- Doulas provide support to clients and families throughout their reproductive journey
- Often are independent contractors with flexible work schedules
- Requires a high school diploma or equivalency
- If accept Medicaid patients, need a certification from the Nevada Certification Board
- Salary ranges from \$62,500 to \$108,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- DOULA CO-OP of Reno
 - Certificate
- Nevada Certification Board
 - Certificate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Certificate

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

Average Salary: \$80,480 | \$39 per hour

Employment | 520 are employed in Nevada,
including 210 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 323 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates



Overview

Environmental health specialists conduct research or perform investigations to identify sources of pollutants or hazards that affect the environment and the population's health. They monitor health and safety conditions in residential, industrial, commercial, and recreational settings.

Environmental health specialists are responsible for identifying potential health hazards. When hazards are found, they provide recommendations and steps to correct problems and control pollution. They compare their findings to government health standards and regulations, then report results and offer solutions.

Environmental health specialists must be detail-oriented, skilled in scientific testing procedures, and knowledgeable about environmental laws and regulations. They often work for local or state health departments, environmental agencies, or public safety organizations.

At-a-Glance

- Environmental health specialists study the environment and identify potential health hazards
- Conduct field work to collect samples and test specimens
- Work to improve the quality of air, food, soil, water, and other resources
- Work for federal, state, or local public health agencies, environmental organizations, and private firms
- Must have a bachelor's degree, many have a master's degree or doctorate
- Must register with the Nevada Board of Environmental Health Specialists
- Salary ranges from \$52,000 to \$129,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
– Bachelor's
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
– Bachelor's
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
– Associate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
– Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
– Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Environmental Analyst
- Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
- Environmental Programs Specialist
- Environmental Protection Specialist
- Environmental Scientist
- Environmental Specialist
- Hazardous Substances Scientist
- Health Inspector
- Research Environmental Scientist

EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Average Salary: \$81,550 | \$39 per hour

Employment | 40 are employed in Nevada

Job Outlook | 81 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Epidemiologists are scientists who investigate the patterns and causes of disease and injury in specific populations. They examine a wide range of factors, including environmental, biological, and social influences on health and illness. They use their findings to develop programs and strategies to prevent, reduce, monitor, and control diseases.

Epidemiologists often focus on outbreaks and epidemics, such as COVID-19, tuberculosis, and influenza. They also conduct research on chronic diseases, like heart disease and cancer, and vital statistics including birth and death rates. They design research plans and procedures to collect data. Epidemiologists compile reports or articles to present their findings. They also study reports and research done by other scientists in their field.

Epidemiologists consult with public health officials, doctors, educators, and other researchers about their findings. Epidemiologists often work for government agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Northern Nevada Public Health, and the Southern Nevada Health District.

At-a-Glance

- Epidemiologists conduct research to find the distribution and causes of disease in populations
- Monitor and report incidence and prevalence of infectious and chronic diseases to local, state, and national health agencies
- Work for government public health agencies, research firms, hospitals, drug companies, and universities
- Have a master's degree or doctorate
- Salary ranges from \$45,000 to \$141,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Communicable Disease Epidemiologist
- Environmental Epidemiologist
- Medical Scientist
- Research Epidemiologist

HEALTH EDUCATOR

Average Salary: \$61,270 | \$29 per hour

Employment | 330 are employed in Nevada, including 200 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 330 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Health educators plan, implement, and direct education and outreach programs to promote health and prevent disease. They work in a variety of settings including schools, colleges, nonprofit agencies, and large companies. Many health educators work for local health departments or community agencies such as the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Northern Nevada Public Health, and the Southern Nevada Health District. They help deliver many health programs, such as clean drinking water, food safety, clean air initiatives, and immunization programs.

Health educators talk to community members, students, employees, managers, health specialists, and civic groups to assess health program needs. They study available health services in the community, set goals for health education, and plan programs. Health educators evaluate the effectiveness of health care and public health programs to determine if goals have been met.

Health educators give presentations about public health needs and available resources. They prepare materials, such as pamphlets or videos, and oversee staff who help deliver the programs. Health educators coordinate services in the community. They work to gain cooperation between public agencies and health care providers.

At-a-Glance

- Health educators promote health through educational programs
- Work for government agencies, schools, and social service organizations
- Design programs that help individuals, families, and their communities maximize and maintain healthy lifestyles
- Must have a bachelor's degree, many have a master's degree
- Salary ranges from \$33,500 to \$109,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Associate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Related Job Titles

- Community Health Consultant
- Community Health Education Coordinator
- Health Education Specialists
- Health Promotion Specialist
- Public Health Educator

Average Salary: \$31,530 | \$15 per hour

Employment | 16,200 are employed in Nevada, including 13,240 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 23,327 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Home health and personal care aides provide routine healthcare and daily living support to individuals in their homes or in care facilities. They often care for older adults but also assist children, people with disabilities, and patients recovering from accidents or surgeries. They offer physical and emotional support, as well as social interaction. It is common for home health and personal care aides to engage with patients by reading aloud, playing cards, or participating in other activities together.

Home health aides change bandages and give medications to their patients. They check patients' pulse, temperature, and respiration rate. Home health aides help individuals perform simple exercises and learn how to use braces, artificial limbs, and adaptive tools. They may also massage sore muscles and apply treatments such as ointments or heating pads. Home health aides follow the care instructions of doctors, nurses, and therapists. They are an important part of the patient's care team, working alongside nurses, social workers, and therapists.

Personal care aides assist patients with daily activities and help with basic household tasks. They may grocery shop, prepare meals, and run errands. Personal care aides work closely with patients and their families to ensure proper care is provided. They may support patients on a daily, weekly, or ongoing basis. They also monitor physical and emotional changes and notify their supervisors when needed.

Employers often train home health and personal care aides on the job and only require a high school diploma to start.

At-a-Glance

- Home health and personal care aides work in clients' homes or in a care facility
- Perform a variety of tasks from simple chores to giving medications
- Aids must pass a competency test if employers receive Medicare or Medicaid payments
- Certification is optional and is increasingly preferred by employers
- Salary ranges from \$24,500 to \$35,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Center for Quality Eldercare Services (Las Vegas)
 - Training
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Training
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Training
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Lifelong Learning
 - Certificate
- Vida Training Center (Las Vegas)
 - Training
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Training

Average Salary: \$86,460 | \$42 per hour

Employment | 1,170 are employed in Nevada,
including 720 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 106 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Occupational health and safety specialists investigate workplace conditions and recommend ways to eliminate health hazards. They respond to reports of unsafe working conditions and may be called in when several workers experience unusual illnesses or injuries. These specialists regularly inspect factories and other production facilities.

They evaluate workplaces by analyzing lighting, sound levels, ventilation, temperature, and other environmental factors. They look for hazards such as faulty machinery or poor air quality. Occupational health and safety specialists collect samples of air, dust, and other materials, and they interview workers to understand their perspectives on potential hazards and risks.

They also review doctors' reports to understand worker illnesses and injuries and conduct investigations to determine whether these issues are related to workplace conditions.

Occupational health and safety specialists advise employers on how to implement changes that improve safety. They teach workers how to prevent accidents and injuries, train new employees on safety policies, and maintain emergency response plans.

After obtaining a bachelor's degree in a related field, most occupational health and safety specialists receive on-the-job training. Enrolling in Nevada's Safety and Health Practitioner Certificate Program is also recommended, as it provides practical experience and regulatory knowledge through required coursework, hands-on activities, and problem-solving exercises.

At-a-Glance

- Occupational health and safety specialists are responsible for the health and safety of workers
- Many work for government agencies
- Work typically requires travel to various job sites
- Must have a bachelor's degree in a safety-related field, such as safety engineering, industrial hygiene, and chemical engineering
- Salary ranges from \$53,500 to \$118,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
– Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Reno
– Bachelor's

Related Job Titles

- Environmental Health and Safety Officer
- Health and Safety Engineer
- Industrial Hygienists
- Occupational Health and Safety Technician

VISION CARE

OPHTHALMIC LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: **\$39,840** | \$19 per hour

Employment | 270 are employed in Nevada, including 220 working in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 30 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Ophthalmic laboratory technicians, also called manufacturing opticians or optical mechanics, prepare eyeglass lenses or contact lenses based on an optometrist's prescription. They also modify work orders to meet customer requests, such as adding color, tints, and protective coatings.

Ophthalmic laboratory technicians prepare optical prescriptions by choosing the correct plastic or glass lens blank. They use specialized equipment and machines to measure, cut, and grind each lens. Each lens is carefully inspected to ensure that it is made according to the prescription and is free from imperfections. Finally, technicians apply finishes, attach nose pads, and mount the lenses into frames.

Ophthalmic laboratory technicians work with clients to fit frames, make repairs, or adjust eyeglasses as requested. In some cases, they make lenses for microscopes, telescopes, and other optical equipment. Many employers train ophthalmic laboratory technicians on the job and only require a high school diploma to start.

At-a-Glance

- Ophthalmic laboratory technicians make lenses for eyeglasses, binoculars, microscopes, and telescopes
- Prepare lenses and optical orders based on prescriptions
- Most train on-the-job
- Education and training typically last one to two years
- Salary ranges from \$33,000 to \$49,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associates

Related Job Titles

- Edger Technician
- Finishing Lab Technician
- Lens Grinder and Polisher
- Optical Lab Technician
- Optical Technician
- Surfacing Technician

Average Salary: \$53,740 | \$26 per hour

Employment | 1,440 are employed in Nevada, including 1,170 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 55 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Opticians, sometimes called ophthalmic dispensers, fit contact lenses and eyeglasses according to prescriptions and patients' needs. They take measurements of a client's eyes and nose bridge, and recommend eyeglass frames, lenses, and lens coatings that complement their face shape and lifestyle.

Opticians prepare work orders and instructions for making lenses and eyeglasses. If the client has insurance, they often submit insurance forms for payment. Opticians spend time teaching clients how to properly wear, clean, and store their glasses and contact lenses.

Opticians often have sales and administrative duties. In addition to helping clients choose frames and contact lenses, they assist them select sunglasses, eyeglass cases, and cleaning solutions. They arrange displays of frames and other merchandise. Opticians keep records of work orders, insurance payments, and inventory. Opticians verify the accuracy of the lens prescription after they are prepared. There are many licensed apprenticeships for students training to become opticians.

At-a-Glance

- Opticians measure, fit, and adapt lenses and frames for clients according to written optical prescriptions and specifications
- Must have customer services and sales skills
- Train through licensed apprenticeships and approved education programs
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians
- Salary ranges from \$39,000 to \$78,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Certification
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Contact Lens Technician
- Dispensing Optician
- Ophthalmic Dispenser
- Optical Technician
- Optometric Technician

OPTOMETRIST

Average Salary: \$138,650 | \$67 per hour

Employment | 360 are employed in Nevada, including 250 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 54 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Optometrists diagnose, manage, and treat conditions and diseases of the eye and visual system. During examinations, they diagnose problems or impairments, prescribe corrective lenses, and provide treatment and medications. Some optometrists focus on specific areas, such as vision therapy, or on certain patient populations, including children or older adults.

Optometrists use specialized equipment, diagnostic eye drops, and visual observation to assess eye health. They look for abnormalities and diseases, such as glaucoma, and test patients' vision by having them identify images or objects at different distances. For patients with vision difficulties, optometrists use precision instruments to determine the correct prescription for glasses or contact lenses.

Optometrists also evaluate color perception, focus, and eye coordination. After analyzing test results, optometrists develop treatment plans and discuss findings and recommendations with patients. They provide education on topics such as proper lighting, eye safety, and the care of glasses and contact lenses. When needed, optometrists consult with and refer patients to other health professionals for additional treatment.

At-a-Glance

- Optometrists treat vision problems and visual system diseases
- Prescribe contact lenses, glasses, and vision therapy
- Many are self-employed
- Must have a doctorate degree
- Training typically lasts eight to nine years after high school
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Optometry
- Average Salary ranges from \$83,500 to \$150,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

There are no optometry degree programs in Nevada, students can begin by earning a bachelor's degree in a pre-optometry science program.

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
– Bachelor's

Areas of Specialization

- Geriatric Optometry
- Glaucoma
- Neuro-optometry
- Pediatric Optometry
- Sports Vision

ANIMAL CARE

VETERINARIAN

Average Salary: \$121,720 | \$59 per hour

Employment | 700 are employed in Nevada, including 470 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 35 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Veterinarians are also known as Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM). They study, diagnose, treat, and control animal injuries and diseases. Most work with small animals and pets, including dogs, cats, ferrets, and reptiles. Others care for large animals and livestock, such as pigs, goats, horses, and cows. Some veterinarians specialize in specific areas of practice, including dentistry, surgery, pathology, microbiology, or internal medicine.

Veterinarians examine animals and consult with owners about proper care. To protect animals' health, they provide annual exams and administer vaccines against diseases such as rabies. When animals are sick or have chronic conditions, veterinarians explain lab results and review treatment options with owners.

Veterinarians also perform surgeries and treat injuries such as wounds and broken bones. In some cases, they euthanize animals that are severely ill or injured. They may examine animal remains to determine the cause of death. Many veterinarians take part in research aimed at preventing diseases in both humans and animals. Others work in wildlife management, zoos, aquariums, laboratories, or serve as instructors at universities and colleges.

At-a-Glance

- Veterinarians treat sick or injured animals and provide preventive care
- Provide care to a wide range of animals or specialize in a particular species, such as horses or exotic birds
- Many are self-employed
- Education and training typically last six to eight years after high school
- Must have a doctorate degree
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
- Salary ranges from \$54,500 to \$205,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

There are no Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree programs in Nevada, students can begin by earning a bachelor's degree in a pre-veterinary science program.

- University of Nevada, Reno
– Bachelor's



VETERINARY ASSISTANT

Average Salary: \$36,160 | \$17 per hour

Employment | 1,400 are employed in Nevada, including 930 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 345 job listings in Nevada

Overview

Veterinary assistants support licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians in their daily tasks. They care for animals and assist with lab tests, treatments, and surgical procedures. Most work in clinics or research laboratories. Their responsibilities include feeding, watering, and exercising animals; cleaning cages; and sterilizing exam areas. They also closely monitor animals receiving treatment or recovering from surgery and notify the veterinarian of any changes or concerns.

Depending on the workplace, veterinary assistants may take on additional duties. They help administer vaccinations, dress wounds, and stabilize injuries. They collect and prepare specimens, such as blood or urine, and may run simple laboratory tests. Assistants prepare medications, sterilize surgical instruments, and help set up procedures. They may also prepare animals for surgery and assist the veterinarian during operations.

The work of a veterinary assistant varies by setting and by the types of animals they care for. Some work primarily with pets, while others work with livestock or farm animals. Most employers provide on-the-job training, often requiring only a high school diploma to start. Many Veterinarians begin their careers as a veterinary assistants.

At-a-Glance

- Veterinary assistants perform basic animal care and assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians
- Often work in clinics and research labs
- Most train on-the-job
- Salary ranges from \$30,500 to \$47,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Training
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Certificate

Related Job Titles

- Animal Caregiver
- Animal Care Provider
- Kennel Assistant
- Kennel Attendant
- Laboratory Animal Caretakers

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Average Salary: \$48,600 | \$23 per hour

Employment | 910 are employed in Nevada, including 580 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 83 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Veterinary technicians perform a wide range of animal health care duties under the supervision of licensed veterinarians. Often described as an “extra set of hands,” they provide clinical support but do not diagnose conditions, prescribe medications, or perform surgery. Most veterinary technicians work in clinics, research laboratories, or emergency centers for animals.

They conduct medical tests to help diagnose disease and guide treatment. Veterinary technicians draw blood, collect tissue samples, and perform laboratory procedures. They also take and develop X-rays and assist with dental care. In addition, they prepare and administer vaccines, treatments, and medications as directed by a veterinarian. Technicians frequently provide education to animal owners about medications, illnesses, and general pet care.

Veterinary technicians also prepare animals and equipment for surgery and assist veterinarians during operations. They administer anesthetics and monitor animals during anesthesia and recovery. Technicians may provide emergency first aid and assist with humane euthanasia when necessary.

At-a-Glance

- Veterinary technicians work under the supervision of veterinarians to help diagnose and treat animal illnesses and injuries
- Most work in clinics, some work for research labs
- Education and training typically last two years
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
- Salary ranges from \$34,500 to \$62,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- College of Southern Nevada (Henderson, Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- PIMA Medical Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Certificate, Associate
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Associate

Related Job Titles

- Certified Veterinary Technician
- Emergency Veterinary Technician
- Internal Medicine Veterinary Technician
- Licensed Veterinary Technician
- Registered Veterinary Technician
- Veterinary Nurse

COMPLEMENTARY AND INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

ACUPUNCTURIST

Average Salary: \$72,260 | \$35 per hour

Employment | 310 are employed in Nevada, including 150 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 230 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Acupuncturists study traditional Chinese medicine, anatomy, and medical ethics. They treat patients by restoring balance to the energy believed to flow through the body. Acupuncturists identify and target specific points where they insert specialized needles to relieve pain and support healing.

Traditional Chinese medicine teaches that the body contains specific points along networks of channels called meridians. A vital energy called “Qi” (pronounced “chee”) flows through these channels and supports the function of organs and bodily systems. Acupuncture is used to rebalance the flow of Qi to promote physical and mental wellness. In Western medicine, acupuncture is viewed as a technique that stimulates nerves, muscles, and connective tissue to activate the body’s natural pain relief systems.

Acupuncturists may also use complementary practices from Chinese medicine, including herbal treatments, meditative therapies, and shiatsu (a form of massage). In some cases, they function as a primary care or general practitioner. Acupuncturists examine patients, take medical histories, discuss treatment options, and adjust treatment plans as needed.

At-a-Glance

- Acupuncturists use traditional Chinese medicine to treat patients
- Insert specialized needles to relieve pain and restore health
- Many are self-employed
- Education and training take six to seven years after high school
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Oriental Medicine
- Salary ranges from \$54,000 to \$104,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Wengu University of Oriental Medicine (Las Vegas) – Master’s

CHIROPRACTOR

Average Salary: \$79,610 | \$38 per hour

Employment | 705 are licensed in Nevada, including 495 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 129 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates



Overview

Chiropractors assess, treat, and care for patients by manipulating the spine and musculoskeletal system. While they commonly help people manage back and neck pain, they also assist with a variety of other conditions, including headaches.

Chiropractors believe that improper spinal function can contribute to chronic pain and other health problems. Their approach to care is holistic, emphasizing a patient's overall wellness. They use a range of natural, drug-free, and non-surgical treatments.

Chiropractors employ therapies such as massage, heat application, and stretching to relax muscles and stimulate tissues so healing can occur. They also provide counseling on holistic health practices, including nutrition, exercise, and stress management. Chiropractors may apply supports, such as straps or braces, to parts of the body when needed. In some cases, they consult with and refer patients to other health professionals for additional evaluation or treatment.

At-a-Glance

- Chiropractors use non-surgical treatments to align the musculoskeletal system
- Many are self-employed
- Education and training take about eight years after high school
- Need a license from the Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada
- Salary ranges from \$50,500 to \$165,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

There are no master's programs for chiropractors in Nevada, students can begin by earning a bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry, or exercise science.

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's

NEW AND EMERGING HEALTH CARE OCCUPATIONS

Several social, demographic, and technological forces are driving demand for new and emerging health care occupations in Nevada. An aging population and increasing chronic disease rates are boosting the need for professionals in geriatric care, long-term care, and chronic-care coordination. At the same time, expectations for convenience and access are expanding roles in virtual care, community outreach, and patient navigation.

Advances in technology—such as AI, genomics, digital health tools, robotics, and wearable devices—are reshaping clinical workflows and creating new specialties in health data analytics, digital therapeutics, telehealth support, and precision medicine. Together, these trends are shifting the workforce toward more technology-enabled, preventive, and patient-centered roles. The list below highlights emerging health care occupations likely to grow in the next decade.

Behavioral Health Digital Strategy Lead

Hybrid leaders who implement digital mental-health solutions, combine clinical pathways with product selection and outcome measurement.

Driver: Shortages in mental-health providers and scalable digital solutions.

Training: Mental-health clinical training and operations.

Related Job Titles: Digital Behavioral Health Program Manager, Mental Health Innovation Lead, Behavioral Health Technology Strategist.

Employers: Health systems, payers, digital mental-health startups.

Bioinformatics Specialist

Experts who analyze large genomic, proteomic, or multi-omics datasets and translate insights into clinical decision support.

Driver: Increasing clinical multi-omics, clinical trials using molecular stratification.

Training: Bioinformatics, statistics, clinical domain knowledge, and data engineering.

Related Job Titles: Health Informatics Specialist, Precision Medicine Data Scientist, Clinical Bioinformatics Analyst, Genomic Data Engineer.

Employers: Genomics firms, pharma, academic research centers.

Clinical AI Specialist

Clinicians with deep artificial intelligence expertise who design, validate, monitor, and interpret clinical AI tools at the point of care.

Driver: Rapid deployment of AI for diagnostics, imaging, and decision support.

Training: Clinical background (registered nurse/medical

doctor), informatics degree or certificate, regulatory/ethics knowledge.

Related Job Titles: AI Trainer, Clinical Data Annotator, Clinical AI Safety & Ethics Officer, Healthcare AI Governance Lead.

Employers: Health systems, startups, electronic health record (EHR) vendors, medical device firms.

Clinical Genomic Implementation Manager

Professionals who interpret genomic results, recommend precision therapies, and implement pharmacogenomic dosing.

Driver: Falling sequencing costs and expansion of personalized medicine.

Training: Genetic counseling, molecular genetics, bioinformatics familiarity, or pharmacogenomics certification.

Related Job Titles: Pharmacogenomics Clinician, Clinical Genomics Specialist, Genomic Medicine Advisor.

Employers: Academic medical centers, precision-medicine startups, health systems.

Clinical Research Coordinator

Manages clinical research studies including recruitment, consent, protocol execution, data collection, and regulatory compliance.

Driver: Growth in clinical trials and decentralized trial models.

Training: Clinical workflow knowledge, regulatory compliance, patient interaction, data systems.

Related Job Titles: Clinical Trial Coordinator, Research Study Assistant, Clinical Research Associate, Clinical Operations Assistant.

Employers: Academic medical centers, research hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, clinical-trial networks.

Digital Therapeutics (DTx) Clinician

Clinicians who prescribe or monitor evidence-based software interventions and integrate them into care plans.

Driver: Regulatory approvals and reimbursement interest for software-based care.

Training: Clinical licensure, digital health literacy, outcomes measurement.

Related Job Titles: Digital Health Therapist, Digital Therapeutics Adoption Specialist, Software-Based Care Clinician.

Employers: Mental-health clinics, payers, DTx companies.

Health Data Privacy Specialist

Ensures AI, apps, and connected devices comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), state privacy laws, and emerging AI regulations.

Driver: New data flows from apps and evolving privacy requirements.

Training: Health law and compliance, cybersecurity basics, privacy frameworks.

Related Job Titles: Digital Compliance Officer, Digital Health Privacy Specialist, Health Data Protection Analyst, AI Privacy Compliance Specialist.

Employers: Health systems, vendors, startups, payers.

Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Care Coordinator

Operationalizes SDoH screening, referrals, and community-data analysis to reduce disparities.

Driver: Value-based care and equity-linked payment models.

Training: Public health, data analytics, community partnership skills.

Related Job Titles: Data Analyst, Population Health AI Analyst, Predictive Care Planner, Community Health Navigator.

Employers: Health systems, public health departments, payers.

Healthcare Simulation Technician

Operates and maintains simulation equipment (manikins, VR/AR tools, and scenario technologies) for healthcare education and workforce training.

Driver: Growth in competency-based training, workforce development, and patient-safety initiatives.

Training: Simulation operations, troubleshooting, audiovisual systems, basics of clinical workflows.

Related Job Titles: Simulation Operations Specialist, Healthcare Simulation Technologist, Simulation Lab Coordinator, Medical/Clinical Simulation Specialist.

Employers: Medical and health programs, health system simulation centers, EMS and public-safety training programs.

Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerk

Reviews and processes insurance claims and policy documents for accuracy, compliance, and timely payment.

Driver: Growth in insurance enrollment and regulatory requirements.

Training: Insurance policies, claims procedures, data entry, claims software.

Related Job Titles: Claims Processor, Policy Administration Clerk, Insurance Operations Assistant, Benefits Processing Specialist.

Employers: Health insurers, third-party administrators, government agencies, employer benefit departments.

Patient Advocacy and Representative

Supports patients with navigation, care coordination, issue resolution, and access to resources.

Driver: Increasing healthcare complexity and patient-centered care requirements.

Training: Healthcare systems knowledge, communication, cultural competency.

Related Job Titles: Patient Navigator, Patient Experience Coordinator, Healthcare Liaison, Care Advocacy Specialist.

Employers: Hospitals, health systems, insurers, nonprofits, community health centers.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Worker

Provides support and skill-building for individuals with mental-health or substance-use challenges.

Driver: Growth in community-based mental-health services.

Training: Mental-health knowledge, psychosocial interventions, case management.

Related Job Titles: Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist,

Community Support Worker, Recovery Coach, Behavioral Health Support Specialist.

Employers: Community mental-health centers, behavioral-health agencies, hospitals, residential programs.

Regulatory Affairs in Pharmaceutical Advertising Specialist

Ensures all promotional materials comply with Food and Drug Administration (FDA), European Medicines Agency (EMA), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) guidelines; reviews claims, risk disclosures, fair balance, and supporting evidence before approval.

Driver: Expanding digital pharmaceutical marketing, tighter regulatory scrutiny, growth of direct-to-consumer (DTC) advertising, and increased use of real-world evidence in promotions.

Training: Life sciences degree; understanding of FDA Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) regulations; EMA advertising rules; promotional review committee processes; medical-legal-regulatory workflows.

Related Job Titles: Promotional Review Specialist, Medical Legal Regulatory (MLR) Reviewer, Advertising and Promotion (A&P) Regulatory Specialist, Medical Regulatory Associate.

Employers: Pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology firms, healthcare advertising agencies, regulatory consulting firms.

School Psychologist

Assesses and supports students' cognitive, emotional, and behavioral needs.

Driver: Rising student mental-health needs and Individualized Education Program (IEP) requirements.

Training: Graduate-level psychology, certification/licensure, assessment and counseling skills.

Related Job Titles: Educational Psychologist, School Counselor, Student Support Specialist, Child & Adolescent Psychologist.

Employers: Schools, districts, educational service agencies, community mental-health organizations.

Surgical Robotics Technician

Sets up, maintains, and assists with surgical robotic systems during procedures.

Driver: Rapid growth of robot-assisted surgeries and

diverse robotic platforms.

Training: Surgical tech background plus vendor-specific robotics certification.

Related Job Titles: Robotic First Assist Specialist, Surgical Robotics Technologist.

Employers: Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, medical technology companies.

Virtual Care Coach

Manages at-home monitoring programs, device setup, alert triage, and patient coaching.

Driver: Aging population, wearables, home sensors, value-based care.

Training: Nursing/allied health, device troubleshooting, telehealth workflows.

Related Job Titles: Digital Navigator, Digital Health Coach, Aging-in-Place Specialist.

Employers: Health systems, telehealth companies, home-health providers.

Virtual Care Coordinator

Runs operational, technical, and quality aspects of telehealth programs.

Driver: Sustained telehealth demand post-pandemic.

Training: Health operations, IT/telecom basics, regulatory knowledge.

Related Job Titles: Telehealth Operations Coordinator, Virtual Clinical Trials Coordinator, Decentralized Trials Coordinator.

Employers: Hospitals, telehealth vendors, clinics.

Virtual Reality (VR) Rehabilitation Therapist & Designer

Therapists delivering VR-based rehab and designers creating therapeutic VR content.

Driver: VR efficacy, remote-therapy demand, engagement advantages.

Training: Physical therapy/occupational therapy or clinical background plus VR competency.

Related Job Titles: VR Therapy Specialist, Digital Rehab Designer, Immersive Therapy Engineer.

Employers: Rehabilitation clinics, digital-therapy startups, hospitals.

APPENDIX 1: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

PUBLIC

Academy of Arts, Careers, Technology

– Reno
aact.washoeschools.net

College of Southern Nevada

– Las Vegas
csn.edu

Dayton High School

– Dayton
dhs.lyoncsd.org

Elko High School

– Elko
elkohigh.ecsdnv.net

Fernley High School

– Fernley
fhs.lyoncsd.org

Great Basin College

– Elko
gbcnv.edu

Nevada State University

– Henderson
nevadastate.edu

Southeast Career and Technical Academy

– Las Vegas
secta.us

Southwest Career and Technical Academy

– Las Vegas
swcta.net

Truckee Meadows Community College

– Reno
tmcc.edu

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

– Las Vegas
unlv.edu

University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine

– Las Vegas
unlv.edu/medicine

University of Nevada, Reno

– Reno
unr.edu

University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

– Reno
med.unr.edu

West Career and Technical Academy

– Las Vegas
wctawranglers.com

Western Nevada College

– Carson City
wnc.edu

White Pine High School

– Ely
whitepine.k12.nv.us

Yerington High School

– Yerington
yhs.lyoncsd.org

PRIVATE

Accelerated Academy

– Sparks
acceleratedacademy.us

AMO Massage School

– Las Vegas
amonv.com

Arizona College of Nursing

– Las Vegas
arizonacollege.edu/las-vegas-nursing-school/

Asher College

– Las Vegas
asher.edu

Assist to Succeed

– Minden, Reno
assisttosucceed.com

Aveda Institute

– Las Vegas
avedalasvegas.com

BDG Academy Dental Assisting School

– Las Vegas
bdgacademy.com

Carrington College

– Las Vegas, Reno
carrington.edu

Chamberlain University

– Las Vegas
chamberlain.edu

Comagine Health

– Las Vegas
comagine.org

Cross Cultural Services, LLC

– Reno
crossculturalservices.com

Doula Co-Op of Reno

– Reno
doulacoop.org

EMS Training Center of Southern Nevada

– Las Vegas
emstrainingcenter.com

European Massage Therapy School

– Las Vegas
school-for-massage.com

Fu Zu Ba School of Massage and Reflexology

– Las Vegas
fuzuba.com

Genevieve Training Center

– Las Vegas
gtcenter.net

High Sierra AHEC

– Reno
highsierraahec.org

Las Vegas College

– Las Vegas
lvcollege.edu

Las Vegas Dental Assisting School

– Las Vegas
lasvegasdentalassistant.com

Las Vegas Medical Assistant School

– Henderson
lasvegasmedicalassistant.com

Live Savers Training Center

– Las Vegas
mylivesavers.com

Majen, LLC

– Reno
majentraining.com

Medical Skills for Life Institute

– Las Vegas, Reno
medicalskillsforlife.com

Milan Institute

– Las Vegas, Reno, Sparks
milaninstitute.edu

Mountain View Paramedic Institute

– Las Vegas
mountainview-hospital.com/careers/paramedic-institute/

Moving Forward Learning Centers

– Las Vegas
movingforwardschools.com

National Careers Skills Institute

– Reno
ncsiedu.org

National Personal Training Institute

– Las Vegas
nationalpti.org/school/nevada/

National School of Dental Assisting

– Carson City, Reno
schoolofdentalassisting.com

Nevada Career Institute

– Las Vegas
nevadacareerinstitute.com

Nevada Certification Board

– Reno
nevadacertboard.org

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Nevada Community Health Worker Association

– Dayton
nvchwa.org

Northwest Career College

– Henderson, Las Vegas
northwestcareercollege.edu

Perry Foundation Academy of Health

– Henderson, Reno
perryfoundationnv.org

PFC Nick Crombie Certified Nursing Assisting Training Academy

– Las Vegas
veterans.nv.gov/new-certified-nursing-assistant-academy/

Phlebotomy Training Specialists

– Las Vegas, Reno
phlebotomyusa.com

PIMA Medical Institute

– Las Vegas
pmi.edu

Professional Institute of Technology Inc.

– Las Vegas
nvpita.com

REMSA Training Center

– Reno
remsahealth.com/education/

Roseman University of Health Sciences

– Henderson, Las Vegas
roseman.edu

Saint Therese Learning Institute

– Las Vegas
saintthereselearning.com

Sierra Nevada Job Corps

– Reno
sierranevada.jobcorps.gov

Shiloh CNA School

– Las Vegas
shilohcnaschool.org

Sonder CNA Training

– Minden
sondercnatraining.com

Standard of Excellence Academy

– Las Vegas
standardssofexcellencelv.org

Touro University

– Henderson
tun.touro.edu

United Education Institute

– Las Vegas
uei.edu/trade-school/nevada/las-vegas/

Unitek College

– Reno
unitekcollege.edu

Wongu University of Oriental Medicine

– Las Vegas
wongu.edu

APPENDIX 2: CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING BOARDS

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American Association of Medical Assistants

Dental Assistants, Medical Assistants, Medical Laboratory Technicians,
aama-ntl.org/

American Board of Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pediatrics

Orthotist and Prosthetist
oandp.org

American Board of Genetic Counseling

Genetic Counselor
<https://www.abgc.net/>

American Medical Certification Association

Medical Assistant
amcaexams.com/

American Midwifery Certification Board

Certified Nurse Midwife
amcbmidwife.org/

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

Cardiovascular Technician/Technologist
arrt.org/

Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada

Chiropractor
chirobd.nv.gov

Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification

Rehabilitation Counselor
crccertification.com

Dental Assistant National Board

Dental Assistants
danb.org

National Academy of Sports Medicine

Exercise Trainer and Fitness Instructor
nasm.org

National Board of Respiratory Care

Respiratory Therapist
nrbc.org

National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification

Recreational Therapist
nctrc.org

National Health Association – Certified Biller and Coder Specialist

Medical Biller and Coder
nhanow.com

Nevada Board of Applied Behavior Analysts

Applied Behavior Analysts
nvababoard.org

Nevada Board of Environmental Health Specialists

Environmental Health Specialist
nvrehs.org

Nevada Certification Board

Community Health Worker, Doula, and Peer Recovery Support Specialists
nevadacertboard.org/chw/

Nevada Department of Education

School Psychologists and School Social Workers
doe.nv.gov

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services Division And The National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters

Medical Interpreter and Translator
adsd.nv.gov
certifiedmedicalinterpreters.org

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance

Medical Laboratory Technician and Technologist, Nuclear Medical Technologist, Nutrition and Dietetic Technician, Phlebotomist, and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist
dpbh.nv.gov

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Emergency Medical Systems Office, and Southern Nevada Health District, Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System

Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic
dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/EMS/EMS-home/
southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/ems

Nevada Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologist
nvspeechhearing.org

Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers

Athletic Trainer
nevadaathletictrainers.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners

Dentist and Dental Hygienist
dental.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians

Optician
<https://nvbdo.nv.gov/>

Nevada State Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors

Addiction Counselor
alcohol.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Examiners for Long Term Care Administrators

Health Services Administrator
beltca.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors

Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
marriage.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Examiners for Social Workers

Social Worker
socwork.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

Massage Therapist
massagetherapy.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

Physician, Allopathic (MD), Physician Assistant, Psychiatrist, and Respiratory Therapist
medboard.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Nursing

Certified Nurse Midwife, Certified Nursing Assistant, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Licensed Practical Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, and Registered Nurse
nevadanursingboard.org

Nevada State Board of Optometry

Optometrist
nvoptometry.org

Nevada State Board of Oriental Medicine

Acupuncturist
orientalmedicine.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

Physician, Osteopathic (DO) and Physician Assistant
bom.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician
bop.nv.gov

Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician
nvvetboard.nv.gov

State of Nevada Board of Dispensing Opticians

Optician
nvbdo.nv.gov

State of Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapist and Occupational Therapy Assistant
www.nvot.org

State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners

Psychologist
psyexam.nv.gov

State of Nevada Physical Therapy Board

Physical Therapist and Physical Therapy Assistant
ptboard.nv.gov

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

Radiation Therapist and Radiologic Technologist
arrt.org

APPENDIX 3: STATE AND NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Acupuncturist

Nevada Acupuncture Association
 nvacupunctureassociation.com
 American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental
 Medicine
 aaaomonline.org

Addiction Counselor

The State of Nevada Association for Addiction
 Counselors
 snaap.net
 The Association for Addiction Counselors
 naadac.org

Applied Behavior Analysts

Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis
 nevadaaba.org/state-licensure
 Association of Professional behavior Analysis
 apbahome.net

Athletic Trainer

Nevada Athletic Trainers' Association
 nevata.org/index.html
 National Athletic Trainers' Association
 nata.org

Audiologist

Nevada Speech – Language Hearing Association
 nvsha.org
 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
 asha.org

Biostatistician

American Statistical Association, Nevada Chapter
 community.amstat.org/nevadachapter/home
 American Statistical Association
 amstat.org

Certified Nurse Midwife

Nevada Midwives Association
 nevadamidwives.org
 National Association of Certified Professional
 Midwives
 nacpm.org

Certified Nursing Assistant

Southwestern Association of Certified Nursing
 Assistants, LLC
 swacna.org
 National Association of Health Care Assistants
 nahcacna.org

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Nevada Association of Nurse Anesthetists
 nvana.org
 American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
 aana.com

Chiropractor

Nevada Chiropractic Association
 nvchiroassoc.org
 The American Chiropractic Association
 acatoday.org

Community Health Worker

Nevada Community Health Worker Association
 nvchwa.org
 National Association of Community Health Workers
 nachw.org

Dental Assistant

American Dental Assistants' Association
 adausa.org

Dental Hygienist

Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association
 nvdha.com
 American Dental Hygienists' Association
 adha.org

Dental Laboratory Technician

National Association of Dental Laboratories
 nadl.org

Dentist

Nevada Dental Association
 nvda.org
 American Dental Association
 ada.org

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography
 sdms.org

Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic

National Association for Emergency Medical
 Technicians
 naemt.org

Environmental Health Specialist

Nevada Environmental Health Association
 nveha.org
 National Environmental Health Association
 neha.org

Epidemiologist

Nevada Public Health Association
 npha.wildapricot.org
 American Epidemiological Society
 americanepidemiologicalsociety.org

Exercise Trainers and Fitness Instructor

National Strength and Conditioning Association
 nsca.com

Genetic Counselor

National Society of Genetic Counselors
 nsgc.org

Health Educator

Nevada Public Health Association
 npha.wildapricot.org
 Society for Public Health Education
 sophe.org

Health Information Technician

American Health Information Management Association
 ahima.org

Health Services Administrator

American College of Healthcare Executives
 ache.org

Home Health and Personal Care Aide

Nevada Home Care Association
 nvhca.com
 National Association for Home Care & Hospice
 nahc.org

Licensed Practical Nurse

Nevada Nurses Association
 nvnurses.org
 National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
 nalpn.org

Marriage and Family Therapist

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
 aamft.org

Massage Therapist

American Massage Therapy Association
 amtamassage.org

Medical Administrative Assistant

Nevada Medical Group Management Association
 mgmanv.org
 Association for Healthcare Administrative Professionals
 ahcap.org

Medical and Health Services Manager

Nevada Medical Group Management Association
 mgmanv.org
 Medical Group Management Association
 mgma.com

Medical Assistant

American Association of Medical Assistants
 aama-ntl.org

Medical Biller and Coder

American Medical Billing Association
 americanmedicalbillingassociation.com

Medical Interpreter and Translator

The Nevada Interpreters and Translators Association
 nitanv.org
 American Translators Association
 atanet.org

Medical Laboratory Technician and Technologist

American Association of Bioanalysts
 aab.org
 The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
 ascls.org

Medical Records Specialists

Nevada Health Information Management Association
 nvhima.org
 The American Health Information Management Association
 ahima.org

Medical Transcriptionist

Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity
 ahdionline.org

Mental Health Counselor

American Mental Health Counselors Association
 amhca.org

Nuclear Medicine Technologist

Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
 snmmi.org

Nurse Practitioner

Nevada Advanced Practice Nurses Association
napna.enpnetwork.com
 American Association of Nurse Practitioners
aanp.org

Nutrition and Dietetic Technician

Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
eatrightnevada.org
 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
eatright.org

Occupational Health and Safety Specialists

American Society of Safety Professionals, Southern Nevada Chapter
southernnevada.assp.org
 American Society of Safety Professionals
assp.org

Occupational Therapist

Nevada Occupational Therapy Association
nota.wildapricot.org
 American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
aota.org

Ophthalmic Laboratory Technician

Optician Association of Nevada
opticiansassociationnevada.org
 American Academy of Ophthalmic Professionals
atpo.org

Optician

Optician Association of Nevada
opticiansassociationnevada.org
 Opticians Association of America
opticians.quorum.us

Optometrist

Nevada Optometric Association
nvoptometric.com
 American Optometric Association
opticians.quorum.us

Orthotist and Prosthetist

American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association
aopanet.org
 National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics
naaop.org

Peer Recovery Support Specialists

National Association of Peer Supporters
peersupportworks.org

Pharmacist

Nevada Pharmacist Association
nvpharmacistassoc.com
 American Pharmacists Association
pharmacist.com

Pharmacy Technician

Nevada Pharmacy Alliance
nevadapharmacyalliance.com
 National Pharmacy Technician Association
<https://cpht.org/>

Phlebotomist

National Phlebotomy Association
nationalphlebotomy.org

Physical Therapist

Nevada Physical Therapy Association
aptanv.org
 American Physical Therapy Association
apta.org

Physician, Allopathic (MD)

Nevada State Medical Association
nvdoctors.org
 American Medical Association
ama-assn.org

Physician Assistant

Nevada Academy of Physician Assistants
nevadapa.mypanetwork.com
 American Academy of Physician Associates
aapa.org

Physician Osteopathic (DO)

Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association
nevadaosteopathic.org
 American Osteopathic Association
osteopathic.org

Psychiatric Technician

American Association of Psychiatric Technicians
psychtechs.org

Psychiatrist

Nevada Psychiatric Association
nvpsychiatry.org
 American Psychiatric Association
psychiatry.org

Psychologist

Nevada Psychological Association
 nvpsychology.org
 American Psychological Association
 apa.org

Radiation Therapist

American Society for Radiation Oncology
 astro.org

Radiologist Technologist

Nevada Society of Radiologic Technologists
 nvsrt.org
 American Society of Radiologic Technologists
 asrt.org

Recreational Therapist

American Therapeutic Recreation Association
 atra-online.com

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
 eatrightnevada.org
 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
 eatright.org

Registered Nurse

Nevada Nurses Association
 nvnurses.org
 American Nurses Association
 nursingworld.org

Rehabilitation Counselor

American Rehabilitation Counseling Association
 arcaweb.org
 The National Rehabilitation Association
 nationalrehab.org

Respiratory Therapist

American Association for Respiratory Care
 aarc.org

Social Worker

National Association of Social Workers, Nevada
 Chapter
 naswnv.socialworkers.org
 National Association of Social Workers
 socialworkers.org

Speech-Language Pathologist

Nevada Speech-Language Hearing Association
 nvsha.org
 American Speech, Language, Hearing Association
 asha.org

Substance Abuse and Behavioral Counselor

The Association for Addiction Professionals
 naadac.org
 State of Nevada Association of Addiction
 Professionals
 naadac.org/nevada

Surgeon

American College of Surgeons
 facs.org
 Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
 aapsonline.org

Surgical Technologist

Association of Surgical Technologists
 ast.org

Veterinarian

Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
 nevadavma.org
 American Veterinary Medical Association
 avma.org

Veterinary Technician

Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
 nevadavma.org
 National Association of Veterinary Technicians in
 America
 navta.net

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For more Information: <https://bls.gov/>

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