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5 Strong-Demand Health Care Jobs, 2014
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Do you have what it takes?

Training - Most health care jobs require associate degree in health technology. An increasing number are getting bachelor’s or master’s degrees as well. All jobs require licensure as well.

- Occupational Therapists work in hospital, rehabilitation centers, schools and medical practices, to maintain or improve mobility, occupational therapists can be of any age, but they need to be patient, flexible, doing here many different conditions, including mental, physical, emotional and developmental issues. Regardless of the medical condition they work with, their goal is to help patients perform daily living and working tasks to help patients can lead fulfilling lives.

- Respiratory Therapists help care for patients with heart and lung problems. They also treat people who have asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and sleep apnea. To earn five conditions they deal with.

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- Dental Hygienists diagnose and treat a patient’s dental problems. Dental hygienists are concerned with helping people maintain oral health. They can work in private dental offices, hospitals, clinics and public health programs. Dental hygienists must be licensed and certified.

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- Early education and care occupations require a bachelor of science degree in an associate degree in nursing. Nursing students will be assigned to a learning lab environment and meet state requirements. Many RN programs go to get their master’s degrees in advanced practice nursing specialties, such as a nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist.

- Diverse student body RL’s MA program options

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Graduates of Ridley- Lowell Business & Technical Institute’s medical assistant program have no trouble landing jobs. Many of its graduates also receive multiple job offers when — and often before — they complete their training.

Medical assistants rank among the top 10 health care positions, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, with a projected employment growth of about 31 percent through 2020, which is well beyond the average growth rate for all occupations. The demand for MAs in medical facilities — from hospitals and physicians’ offices to urgent care and medical facilities — are high for the quality of qualified candidates, said Lauren Weymouth, RL’s vice president for business development. According to recent BLS statistics, health care job growth, largely triggered by an aging population and the recently implemented Affordable Care Act, has averaged 19,000 new jobs a month.

RL’s MA program options

RL offers MA programs two program options, a one-year or a 20-month evening program, both of which include a 168-hour externship. Most important, RL boasts a 72 percent retention rate and a 77 percent placement rate, critical rate for 2012-13.

Enrollment requirements

Beyond a high school diploma, no formal training is required to become an MA. Weymouth said: "However, 'the trend today is for MAs to become certified,' she said. That is echoed by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA), which reports that employers — small clinics to large health care facilities are — require MAs to be certified. The Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) certification is awarded by the American Medical Technologists (AMT), and the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credential is that of the certifying board of the AAMA. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) requirement of the externship program is designed to ensure that students go beyond the classroom and leave with hands-on experience in addition to their certifications.