

Nontraditional Careers in Health Science

Men:

- > Dental Assistant
- > Dental Hygienist
- > Home Health Aide
- > Medical Assistant
- > Medical Secretary
- > Registered Nurse

Women:

- > Dental Assistant
- > Dental Hygienist
- > Home Health Aide

For a complete list of nontraditional careers for men in health science, refer to the career charts in the 2010 *Utah Student Guide to Career Planning*.

"I chose a nontraditional class because most people don't really think about a lot of options that life or schools have for them, but I noticed [my high school] has a lot of different classes that give you a degree or certification in things that can help you succeed in life. I saw nursing as a way to help people and get into the medical field, and I really like it. I go into a class full of girls and think, 'Okay, this is kind of funny,' but then you realize what it can do for you, what it can do for your life, your goals and to help you succeed."

Levi Sanchez, Nursing student

Break free of the traditions and barriers that limit your choices.
What's stopping you? Be different! Try something new!
Is a nontraditional career in your future?

Health Science

HEALTH CARE: CAREERS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Talk to your school counselor
about a nontraditional career in health science.

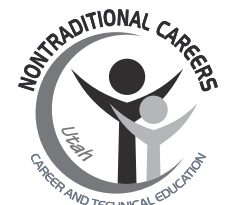
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Nontraditional Careers

Did you know a nontraditional career is any occupation in which women or men comprise 25 percent or less of its total employment?

Nontraditional jobs are attractive because they generally offer higher entry-level wages.

Choosing a nontraditional career path can mean:

- > Greater job satisfaction.
- > Higher wages and better benefits.
- > Great advancement opportunities.
- > Economic self-sufficiency.
- > Broader job opportunities.
- > Freedom to pursue a career related to your interests and abilities.

BREAK with tradition and explore a nontraditional career!

A Career in Health Science

The health care industry is robust and growing nationwide. As the baby boomer generation ages and Generation X has children, health care professionals will become more in-demand than ever.

Careers in health science include:

- **Diagnostic Services:** Audiologist, Clinical Laboratory Technologist, Dentist, Geneticist, Optometrist, Pathologist, Phlebotomist, Radiologic Technologist, Speech-Language Pathologist
- **Therapeutic Services:** Athletic Trainer, Certified Nurse Assistant, Dental Assistant and Hygienist, EMT/Paramedic, Medical Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist, Physical Therapist, Physician, Physician Assistant, Recreation Therapist, Registered Nurse, Respiratory Therapist, Surgical Technician
- **Support Services:** Dietetic Technician, Food Safety Specialist, Mortician/Funeral Director, Social Worker, Transport Technician
- **Biotechnology Research & Development:** Biostatistician, Crime Scene Investigator, Genetic Counselor, Microbiologist, Toxicologist
- **Health Informatics:** Epidemiologist, Medical Coder, Medical Transcriptionist, Unit Coordinator

CTE Pathways

High school is a great time to try out a wide range of Career Pathways by enrolling in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. As an added bonus, you will be developing work related skills that can be put to immediate and profitable use.

CTE provides courses and Pathways consistent with industry training and certification, thus providing depth and meaning for both visual and hands-on learning and education that can be applied in today's job market.

By taking Health Science Education courses, you can gain an important foundation of knowledge and skills necessary for continued education in the health sciences.

Employment and Outlook

Health care is one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in the United States, employing over 14 million workers in more than 200 careers.¹ The explosion of technology in health care and an unprecedented aging population contribute to the national health care workforce shortage. Approximately 28 percent of all new jobs will be created in the health care industry through the year 2018, which translates to 3.2 million new health care positions nationwide.¹

Even though most workers in the health care industry have jobs that require less than a four-year degree, health diagnosing and treating practitioners are highly educated. The majority of occupations in the health care industry require a license from the State Department of Professional Licensing (DOPL).

Training and education beyond high school are important for success in a career in health science. Whether you choose a one-year certificate, a two-year associate or technical degree, a four-year bachelor's degree, or an advanced degree will depend on your career path. **The choice is yours!**

There are many opportunities for men and women in health science.

UtahFutures

Log on to UtahFutures.org to learn more about a career in health science. From the home page, click on the "occupations" option to find an occupation that interests you and link to the description for that occupation. Check out employment opportunities, working conditions, outlook, skills and abilities, and wages for your selected occupation.



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¹ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

² Utah Department of Workforce Services