



Exploring Career Paths and Career Clusters

Health Services

Occupations in this path are related to the promotion of health and treatment of disease. These include research, prevention, treatment, and related health technologies.

HEALTH SCIENCE

CAREER PATH INVENTORY

Do these activities interest you?

- Preparing medicines in a pharmacy
- Helping sick people
- Helping with sports injuries
- Studying anatomy and disease
- Performing surgery
- Other: _____

Do you have these personal qualities?

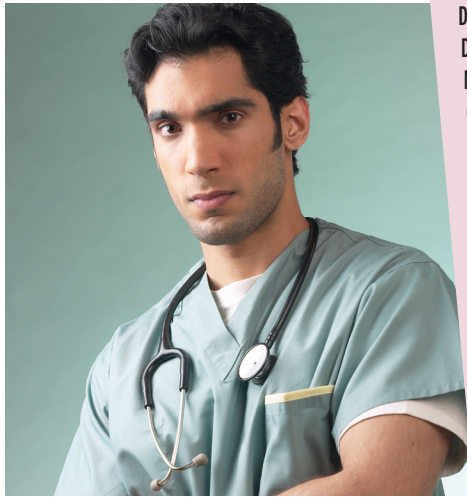
- Compassionate and caring
- Good listener Patient
- Good at following directions carefully
- Conscientious and careful
- Other: _____

In your free time would you enjoy?

- Volunteering in a hospital
- Taking care of pets
- Exercising/taking care of myself
- Other activities: _____

Do you enjoy or do well in these subjects?

- Math Social Studies
- Physical Education Science
- Other subjects: _____



CAREER CLUSTERS

Within the six Career Paths are 16 Career Clusters. School counselors recommend that before or during high school students select a career area or a Career Cluster that interests them to shape plans for coursework and deeper exploration. The Health Services Path has the one Career Cluster listed above.

TIP!

Visit with your school counselor and your parents to help identify career areas that might be good for you to explore further. Take classes that can support your goals.

Questions to Ask Yourself

While you are exploring your career options, nothing compares with the first-hand information you can get by talking with someone in your Career Cluster of interest.

Who could you talk to in this Career Path? _____

Gaining a variety of career-related experiences can help you identify growing interests, such as job shadowing, completing a project at school, volunteering in your community or taking courses related to your career interests.

What experience could you seek? _____

School activities related to Career Clusters in the Health Sciences Path include:

- Athletics ● HOSA ● SkillsUSA
- Technology Student Association
- FCCLA ● Science Club
- Service Learning

Can you identify professionals and opportunities in this Career Path in your community? _____

In your newspaper, look for news stories or features about people who work in this Career Path. Check the Classifieds section for job listings in this career area. Look at ads for businesses that might employ people working in this career path.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS & SALARY RANGES

Athletic Trainer.....	\$30-47,000
Biomedical Engineer	\$57-87,000
Dental Hygienist.....	\$52-73,000
Dietician/Nutritionist.....	\$32-50,000
Microbiologist.....	\$45-73,000
Occupational Therapist.....	\$49-68,000
Pharmacist.....	\$87-110,000
Radiologic Technologist	\$39-55,000
Registered Nurse.....	\$44-63,000
Surgical Technologist.....	\$28-42,000

(Annual salaries based on 2007 BLS wage data.)

For more information about salaries and job outlook in Missouri, visit www.missourieconomy.org

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This is one of a seven-part career series brought to you by this newspaper, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Press Association.

This series will explore each of the six Career Paths – information about each Career Cluster, occupations, education and skills you need, salary ranges and more!

