

## Health Careers: At – A – Glance

*(Health Careers At – A – Glance are summary pages from East Central Missouri AHEC's "Health Careers 101 Manual", a complete (185 pages) manual will be made available to Teachers and Counselors upon request.)*

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|-------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | Acupuncturist   | \$ 46,000              | Good              | Master                |
| 2           | Art Therapist   | \$ 41,752              | Below Average     | Bachelor              |
| 4           | Athletic Trainer  | \$ 50,741              | Excellent         | Bachelor              |
| 6           | Audiologist   | \$ 64,680              | Excellent         | Master                |
| 8           | Biomedical Engineer   | \$ 67,260              | Average           | Bachelor              |
| 10          | Biomedical Engineer Technician  | \$ 50,041              | Average           | Associate             |
| 11          | Biomedical Photographer   | \$ 45,403              | Good              | Bachelor              |
| 13          | Brain Researcher  | \$ 56,811              | Good              | PhD                   |
| 14          | Cardiovascular Technician   | \$ 52,623              | Excellent         | Associate             |
| 16          | Certified Coder   | \$ 38,000              | Excellent         | High School           |
| 18          | Chiropractor  | \$ 84,483              | Good              | Doctorate             |
| 20          | Clinical Laboratory Technician  | \$ 40,009              | Excellent         | Associate             |
| 22          | Clinical Laboratory Technologist / Cytotechnologist                         | \$ 60,458              | Average           | Bachelor              |
| 24          | Community Health Educator   | \$ 57,700              | Average           | Bachelor              |
| 26          | Counselor   | \$ 44,380<br>\$ 57,107 | Excellent         | Masters               |
| 29          | Dental Assistant  | \$ 32,257              | Excellent         | 1 year                |
| 31          | Dental Hygienist  | \$ 62,791              | Excellent         | Associate             |
| 33          | Dental Laboratory Technologist  | \$ 27,000              | Average           | Associate             |
| 35          | Dentist: Endodontist, Oral Surgeon, Orthodontist, Pedodontist, Periodontist | \$130,083              | Excellent         | Doctorate             |
| 37          | Diagnostic Medical Sonographer  | \$ 59,541              | Excellent         | Associate             |
| 39          | Dietician (Registered/Licensed)   | \$ 48,014              | Average           | Bachelor              |
| 41          | Dietetic Technician/ Dietetic Assistant                                     | \$ 32,217              | Average           | Associate             |
| 42          | Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist   | \$ 45,361              | Excellent         | Associate             |
| 44          | Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic                             | \$ 38,196              | Excellent         | Associate             |
| 48          | Environmental Health Specialist   | \$ 55,800              | Excellent         | Bachelor              |
| 50          | Exercise Physiologist   | \$ 42,004              | Average           | Bachelor              |
| 51          | Funeral Services Director   | \$ 53,269              | Good              | Bachelor              |
| 53          | Health Care Administrator   | \$ 67,430              | Good              | Master                |
| 56          | Health Information Manager  | \$ 65,929              | Good              | Bachelor              |
| 58          | Health Information Technician   | \$ 35,817              | Good              | Associate             |
| 61          | Health Physicist  | \$ 35,000              | Good              | Associate             |
| 63          | Health Science Information Librarian  | \$ 43,700              | Good              | Associate             |
| 65          | Health Service Administrator  | \$160,000              | Excellent         | Master                |
| 67          | Histologic Technologist   | \$ 36,800              | Good              | High School           |

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| 69          | Hospital Chaplain  | \$ 48,153            | Average           | Masters  |
| 71          | Human Service Worker   | \$ 23,086            | Excellent         | Associate  |
| 73          | Investigative and Medical Science  | N/A                  | Average           | Bachelor   |
| 74          | Massage Therapist  | \$ 45,290            | Good              | High School  |
| 76          | Medical Assistant  | \$ 27,212            | Good              | 1 year   |
| 78          | Medical Illustrator  | \$ 38,032            | Below Average     | Bachelor   |
| 80          | Medical Interpreter  | \$ 36,726            | Good              | Bi-Lingual   |
| 82          | Medical Office Administrator   | \$ 31,523            | Below Average     | High School  |
| 83          | Medical Researcher Scientist   | \$ 66,393            | Excellent         | Masters/ PhD   |
| 85          | Medical, Science, and Technical Writer   | \$ 53,100            | Good              | Bachelor   |
| 87          | Medical Technologist   | \$ 54,467            | Excellent         | Bachelor   |
| 89          | Medical Transcriptionist   | \$ 34,993            | Good              | Associate  |
| 91          | Mental Health Technician   | \$ 26,300            | Good              | Associate  |
| 93          | Microbiologist   | \$ 49,159            | Good              | Bachelor   |
| 94          | Nuclear Medicine Technologist  | \$ 64,387            | Good              | Bachelor   |
| 96          | Nurse Anesthetist  | \$139,835            | Excellent         | B.S. of Nursing RN<br>1 year of critical care and<br>2-3 years specialized<br>training |
| 98          | Nurse Assistant/Aide, Home Health Aide   | \$ 25,369            | Good              | High School or Associate   |
| 101         | Nurse (Licensed Practical) LPN   | \$ 38,189            | Good              | Associate  |
| 103         | Nurse (Registered) RN  | \$ 59,859            | Excellent         | Associate or Bachelor  |
| 108         | Nurse Midwife  | \$ 83,908            | Good              | RN + specialized training  |
| 110         | Nurse Practitioner   | \$ 79,176            | Excellent         | Master   |
| 112         | Nursing Home Administrator   | \$ 50,000            | Good              | Bachelor + Internship  |
| 114         | Occupational Health and Safety Specialist  | \$ 51,570            | Average           | Master   |
| 116         | Occupational Therapist   | \$ 64,046            | Good              | Bachelor   |
| 118         | Occupational Therapy Assistant/Aide  | \$ 49,958            | Good              | Associate  |
| 120         | Ophthalmic Medical Assistant   | \$ 34,400            | Excellent         | High School  |
| 122         | Optician   | \$ 39,509            | Good              | High School  |
| 124         | Optometrist  | \$ 99,767            | Good              | Doctorate  |
| 126         | Perfusionist: Operates the heart-lung machine that is used during open-heart surgery.        | \$104,400            | Good              | Bachelor   |
| 127         | Pharmacist   | \$102,449            | Good              | 6 Years  |
| 129         | Pharmacy Technician  | \$ 29,673            | Average           | Diploma  |
| 131         | Phlebotomist: Draws and collects blood samples from patients and prepares them for analysis. | \$ 27,239            | Excellent         | Associate  |
| 132         | Physical Therapist   | \$ 67,637            | Good              | Master   |

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| 134         | Physical Therapy Assistant   | \$ 41,132                    | Good              | Associate                                     |
| 135         | Physician: Allergist & Immunologist, Anesthesiologist, Cardiologist, Dermatologist, Emergency, Endocrinologist, Family, Gastroenterologist, Geriatric, Hematologist, Oncologist, Infectious Disease, Internist, Nephrologist, Obstetricians, Gynecologist, Ophthalmologist, Otolaryngologist, Pathologist, Pediatrician, Physiatrist, Podiatrist, Psychiatrist | \$148,644<br>to<br>\$348,846 | Good              | 8 year +<br>1-4 years<br>Specialized Training |
| 141         | Physician Assistant  | \$ 78,780                    | Good              | Bachelor<br>Specialized Training              |
| 143         | Polysomnography Technologist   | \$ 45,428                    | Excellent         | Certificate                                   |
| 144         | Prosthetist / Orthotist  | \$ 64,060                    | Good              | Bachelor                                      |
| 146         | Psychologist   | \$ 75,229                    | Average           | Master, or Ph.D.                              |
| 149         | Public Health: Behavioral Science and Health Educators, Biostatisticians/Biometricians, Environmental and Occupational Health Scientists, Epidemiologist   | \$ 30,000<br>to<br>\$121,000 | Good              | Bachelor, Master, or Ph.D.                    |
| 153         | Public Health Nutritionist   | \$ 33,000                    | Good              | Bachelor or Master                            |
| 154         | Radiation Therapist  | \$ 64,585                    | Good              | Associate or Bachelor                         |
| 156         | Radiographer   | \$ 46,068                    | Good              | Associate                                     |
| 158         | Radiologic Assistant   | \$ 90,000                    | Good              | Bachelor                                      |
| 160         | Recreational Therapist   | \$ 42,530                    | Below<br>Average  | Bachelor                                      |
| 162         | Respiratory Therapist  | \$ 54,602                    | Good              | Associate or Bachelor                         |
| 164         | Social Worker  | \$ 49,279                    | Good              | Bachelor                                      |
| 167         | Speech Language Pathologist  | \$ 60,480                    | Average           | Master  |
| 169         | Surgical Technologist  | \$ 38,151                    | Good              | Associate                                     |