Health Workforce Initiative

# HEALTH CARE CAREERS

## A Pathway to Success

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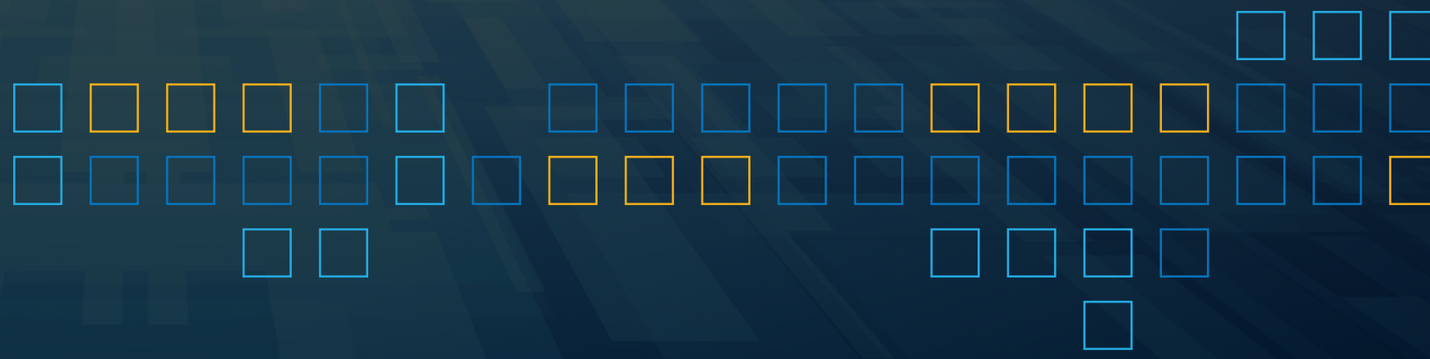
## Why choose a career in health care?

Whether you are considering the wide range of jobs either in clinical or non-clinical areas, a career path in health care is a smart choice. **Here are three big reasons why:**



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**Health care careers are in high demand.**

- There is a shortage of health care workers.
- Health care is ranked in the top 20 growing professions in California
- You can move up the career ladder in health care.

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**Earning potential is strong.**

- The median wage for health care workers across the country is almost $55,000/year.
- Benefits for those in the health care industry are typically stronger than in other industries.
- The more training and experience you have, the more you can earn.

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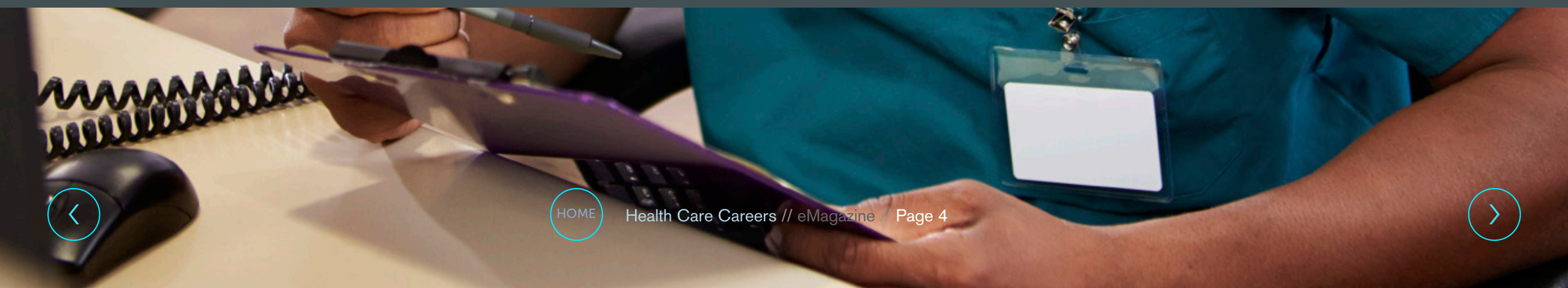
**There are many career options from which to choose.**

- Depending upon your interests and skills, you will find many career choices available in health care. Health careers range from entry level to management  including both patient care, non-patient care, and administrative jobs.  Patient care jobs include nursing, radiological technology, phlebotomy, medical assisting.
- Non-patient care jobs include laboratory, medical billing and coding, health information technology.
- Administrative jobs include nurse manager, clinic or hospital administrator, biomedical engineer, human resources, education, facilities management.
- If you are someone who enjoys challenges and trying new things, a career in the health care field offers endless job tracks and positions to consider.

# WHAT ARE THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CARE?



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**Here is a partial list of jobs in health care:**

- Nurses CNA, LVN, RN, NP and more
- Dental Hygienists
- Physical and Occupational Therapists
- Phlebotomists
- Nurse Aides
- Home Health Aides
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Massage Therapists
- Paramedics
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Veterinarians
- Many more!

- **Click** Here to See our Health Occupations Directory

**What skills are needed to work in health care?** Do you have what it takes to be in health care? Each health care career requires different skills, but here are some common ones.

- Dedication
- Patience
- Compassion
- Caring attitude
- Desire to help people
- Curious to learn new things
- Good in math
- Interest in science
- Willingness to work hard
- Customer service
- Good communication

## What are the steps to get into a health care career?

The first step to getting started on your new career in health care is simply to decide to do it. There are great resources for education, training and financial aid.

The best place to start exploring education and training is your local California community college. These schools offer affordable and transferrable education into a health care career. Your high school or community college counselor is a good resource for career information.

Check out the **California Career Cafe**, a virtual career center that helps you explore careers, education and finding the right job.

# KEY RESOURCES

**Check out these resources and tools to help you explore your options in the health care industry.**

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## Healthcare Career Job Skills:

This video features interviews with several people employed in the health care industry who discuss the kinds of skills needed to succeed, including critical thinking, the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team, problem solving, and more.

## A Day in the Life

## Radiologic Technician:

View a typical day in the life of a Radiologic Technician, including taking x-rays and CAT scans and administering nonradioactive materials for diagnostic purposes.

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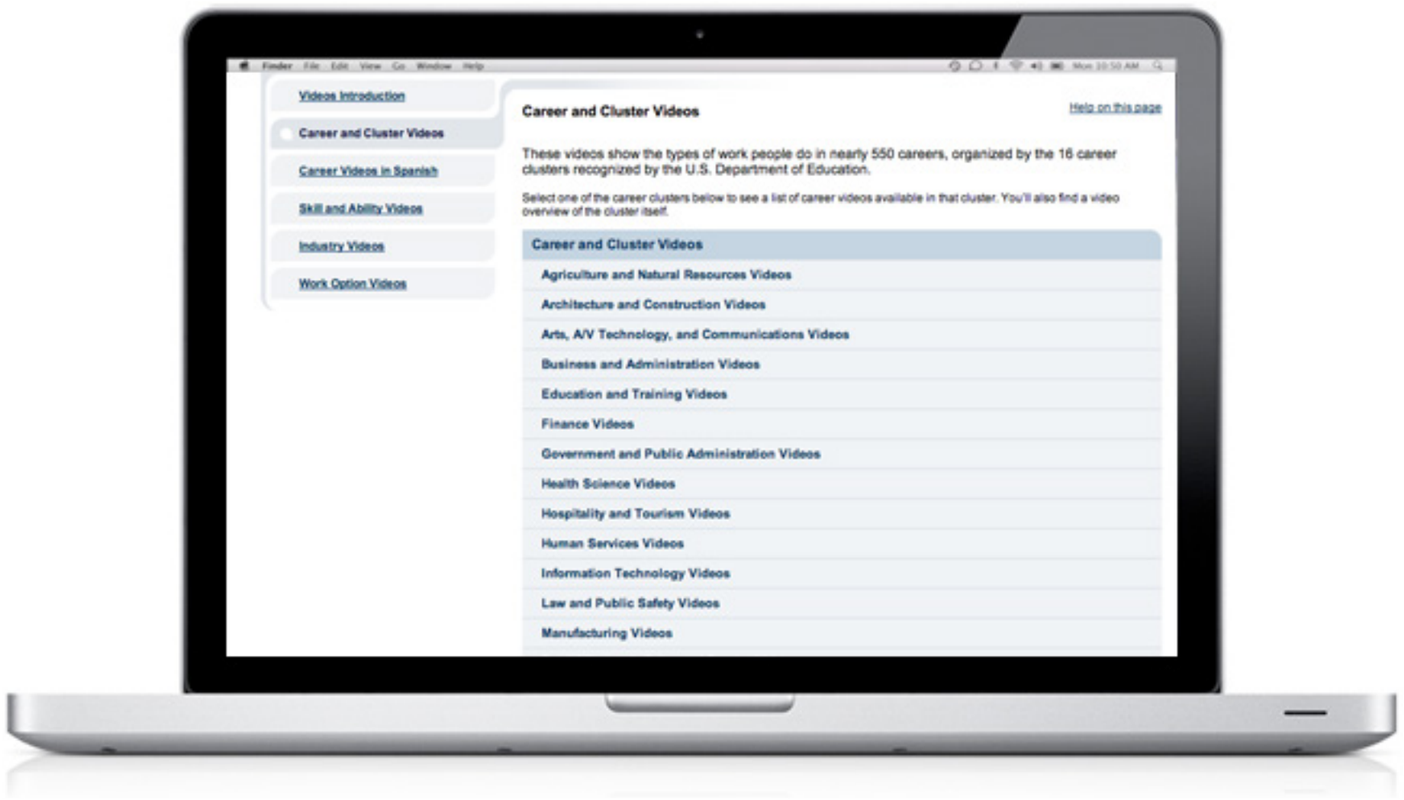


## Careers in Health Care Career One-Stop

These videos show the types of work people do in nearly 550 careers, organized by the various career clusters recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, including health care.

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# Explore Allied Health Care professions and download the many brochures at this site

Click on the Resources tab then click on the Allied Health Marketing Brochures PDF link on the left hand side.

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**Health Careers Training Program:**
has many downloadable student resources, including a **Student Resources Poster** and **Student Goal Catcher** with a list of health pathway links and other resources.

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# Other Web Career Resources:

## Explore Health Careers:

**Everything you want to know about a wide variety of health careers plus a free monthly newsletter, tips for achievement and more.**

**http://www.healthjobsstarthere.com/**

**http://www.hosa.org/**

**https://www.vcn.org/health-care/**

# For additional sites visit our website

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HealthCareerCenter.org: http://www.careerprofiles.info/health-careers.html

California Career Café: http://www.cacareercafe.com/

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