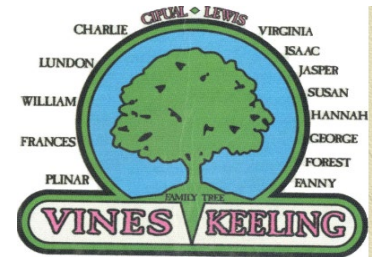


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Monthly Newsletter for H.S. Students – Health Care

What is the Healthcare Industry?

The Healthcare Industry is more than doctors and nurses. It is rich with entry level jobs and jobs requiring more training and education. The Healthcare industry includes the following business sections:

- a) Hospitals;
- b) Clinics;
- c) Research Labs;
- d) Medical device companies;
- e) Insurance firms; and
- f) Pharmaceutical companies.

Why is Healthcare Important?

Healthcare is fundamental to human existence. It ensures healthy communities, boosts economic growth, and improves overall quality of life. By providing preventive care, managing chronic conditions, and tackling new health challenges, the healthcare industry empowers individuals and societies to thrive.

What are the Benefits of a Career in Healthcare?

The Healthcare field offers a variety of rewarding career paths. The healthcare industry is constantly growing, ensuring job stability with high demand for skilled professionals. This is a sample of occupations with excellent future job prospects and average starting pay in parenthesis:

- 1) Certified Nursing Assistant - CNA (\$35,000/year) w/HS Diploma + Certificate;
- 2) Medical Lab Assistant (\$35,000/year) w/HS Diploma + Certificate;
- 3) Medical Assistant (\$40,000/year) w/HS Diploma + Certificate;
- 4) Licensed Practical Nurse - LPN (\$45,000/year) via Apprenticeship;
- 5) Dental Assistant (\$40,000/year) w/HS Diploma + Certificate.

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How to Prepare for a Career in Healthcare?

If you are interested in a career in Healthcare, there are a few different ways you can get started. One option is to excel in Core Healthcare courses (Science/Math/Biology & English) in high school or community college. Also, hone your written and verbal skills. Volunteer and/or Intern in Healthcare settings.

Another approach is an Apprenticeship. Go to the **ApprenticeshipUSA** link for more information[click the blue] ([Homepage | Apprenticeship.gov](#)). There, you will find Apprenticeship Programs and on-the-job training opportunities which can take 1 to 2 years of hands-on and classroom training with pay. Let me know if you have questions.

For local in-person support you can use your area **American Job Center (AJC)** [click the blue] ([American Job Center Finder | CareerOneStop](#)). Simply enter your Zip code to find your nearest AJC.

Conclusion

The Healthcare industry is positioned to expand and offer exciting careers for motivated individuals. Remember, the journey to becoming a healthcare professional begins now, so start actively preparing and exploring your options.

Additional Tips for High School Students and Recent Graduates

- Take advantage of career counseling services at your high school. Your high school counselors can help you to learn more about different career options, including Healthcare careers.
- Check out the American Job Center (AJC) above.... it's a great resource!