

Healthcare and Pharmacy

05-19 State of the Sector Lesson

PARKVIEW EDUCATION

Virtual Workplace Experience II

- *Louisiana Career Awareness:* The VWE II provides students the opportunity to explore careers in Louisiana's high-demand industry sectors.
- *Project-Based Learning:* VWE II emphasizes student-selected project-based learning. Meaning, you get to pick your own projects and conduct your own research.
- *Micro-Industry Engagement:* VWE II offers you various opportunities to engage with unfamiliar workplace adults who work in high-wage, high-demand industry sectors. These mentor engagement projects will be among your most treasured high school memories!

Louisiana High-Demand Industry Sectors

- Healthcare and Pharmacy
- Construction Crafts / Skilled Trades
- Information Technology
- Automotive Service and Repair
- Culinary
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Transportation, Trade and Logistics
- Business Management and Finance
- Sales and Customer Service

Healthcare and Pharmacy

- Healthcare can be defined as the maintenance and improvement of physical and mental health, especially through the provision of medical services.
- Oftentimes people think of doctors and nurses. However, there are thousands of jobs that drive this sector including direct patient care, research, and administrative positions.



Louisiana Healthcare Jump Start Pathways

Below are statewide healthcare certifications that, when offered by the school/district, students can earn while in high school.

Jump Start Pathways	Starting Salary
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$16,000 - \$21,000
Dental Assistant	\$29,000 - \$38,000
Emergency Medical Technician	\$16,000 - \$21,000

Information obtained from Louisiana Department of Education at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/jump-start-graduation-pathways>

Sample Middle Skill Healthcare Jobs

Middle skill jobs generally require some education beyond high school, but less than a bachelor's degree. Training can include associate's degrees and/or vocational certificates.

Middle Skill High-Demand Positions	2017 Employment	Annual Wage
Emergency Medical Technician	300	\$30,330
Medical Transcriptionist	780	\$30,620
Licensed Practical Nurse	20,340	\$38,530

Information obtained from United States Bureau of Labor Statistics at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_la.htm#49-0000

Sample High Skill Healthcare Jobs

High skill jobs often require a bachelor's degree. Individuals can also advance to high skill positions through rigorous on-the-job training.

High Skill High-Demand Positions	2017 Employment	Annual Wage
Physician Assistant	910	\$86,930
Clinical Laboratory Researcher	4,680	\$45,320
Registered Nurse	45,970	\$63,560

Information obtained from United States Bureau of Labor Statistics at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_la.htm#49-0000

Is Healthcare the right field for you?

According to “Explore Health Careers,” this sector offers excellent job opportunities if:

- You are a lifelong learner.
- You are comfortable in a fast-paced environment.
- You enjoy working on teams.
- You are good at handling stressful situations.
- You are a good communicator.
- You are quick on your feet to solve problems and/or present solutions.
- You pay attention to detail.

Visit the Explore Health Careers website to assess the best healthcare job for you! -

<https://explorehealthcareers.org/career-explorer/>