

# Healthcare Career Ladder



**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**  
 \$33.21/hour  
 Master's Degree  
 238 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (40% growth rate)

**DOCTOR**  
 \$78.31/hour  
 1<sup>st</sup> Professional Degree  
 389 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (22% growth rate)

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST**  
 \$34.85/hour  
 Master's Degree  
 681 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (28% growth rate)



**REGISTERED NURSE**  
 \$28.61/hour  
 Associate's Degree  
 9,620 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (25% growth rate)



**MEDICAL SERVICES MANAGER**  
 \$38.52/hour  
 Bachelor's Degree + experience  
 689 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (17% growth rate)

**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST**  
 \$24.00/hour  
 Associate's Degree  
 489 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (27% growth rate)



**DENTAL HYGIENIST**  
 \$26.67/hour  
 Associate's Degree  
 979 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (38% growth rate)

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE**  
 \$18.01/hour  
 Career Training\*  
 1,896 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (19% growth rate)

**MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN**  
 \$23.49/hour  
 Associate's Degree  
 375 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (17% growth rate)

**EKG TECHNICIAN**  
 \$22.21/hour  
 Associate's Degree  
 266 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (29% growth rate)

**MEDICAL RECORDS TECHNICIAN**  
 \$15.27/hour  
 Associate's Degree  
 479 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (23% growth rate)



**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
 \$13.66/hour  
 Moderate on-the-job training  
 2,385 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (34% growth rate)

**HOME HEALTH AIDE**  
 \$9.47/hour  
 Short-term on-the-job training  
 3,095 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (3% growth rate)

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**  
 \$12.21/hour  
 Moderate on-the-job training  
 2,173 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (39% growth rate)

**EMT/PARAMEDIC**  
 \$15.25/hour  
 Career Training\*  
 311 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (8% growth rate)

**NURSING AIDE/ASSISTANT**  
 \$10.14/hour  
 Career Training\*  
 3,301 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (16% growth rate)

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
 \$15.35/hour  
 Moderate on-the-job training  
 1,199 new jobs between 2008-18  
 (37% growth rate)



\*Training for a specific career up to an Associate's Degree, hourly wages are for 2009 in SC, training levels provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, new jobs from the SC Dept. of Commerce  
 SC Dept. of Employment & Workforce, Labor Market Information, [www.dew.sc.gov/about-lmi.asp](http://www.dew.sc.gov/about-lmi.asp), 803-737-2660, LMIcustomerservice@dew.sc.gov