

From Homework to Health Care

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• HEALTH CARE CAREERS • WHAT'S OUT THERE FOR ME? • HOW DO I START?



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Consider Health Care Careers

Health care is the professional practice of caring – it embodies the physical, psychological, social, environmental, and spiritual needs of individuals, families, groups, and whole communities. If you are a grade 10 student, highschool graduate or someone considering a new career in an environment that is both challenging, supportive, dynamic, and positive, health care may be the answer for you. Our region provides opportunities for all health care professionals in urban, rural, and remote settings to appeal to an individual’s career goals.

A Combination of Work

As a career develops, the way work is accomplished will change and for many, new areas of interest will emerge. Many successful careers blend various types of work experience and post-secondary training options to prepare for new opportunities. Over the next ten years, 70% of all new jobs will require more than high school education. Of all new jobs created, over one half will require workers with career, technical, trades/apprenticeship or vocational skills. One educational trend that is emerging is combining University and college education and training. Many of the larger colleges report that up to 30% of their students already have university degrees. In these cases, students are seeking to add practical training to their theoretical background.

For more detailed information, consult a school counsellor, College of New Caledonia academic advisor, University of Northern British Columbia Registrar Service Representative or Northern Lights College academic advisor.

Explanation of Post-Secondary Programs	College	Institute	University
Certificate Program usually involves one year or less of study in areas such as office administration, early childhood education or journalism.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Apprenticeship Training is a form of education which incorporates paid work place training with technical, in-school training. Over 200 trades have been designated under the apprenticeship act.	Yes	Yes	No
Diploma Program involves two years of study in a career, technical or academic program such as computer information systems or media arts.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bachelor’s degree programs normally take four years of full-time study in such disciplines as biology, criminology, and business administration. Can be taken in Sciences (B.Sc) or Arts (B.A.).	Partial	Yes	Yes
Master’s degree or “M.A.” programs normally require two years of study after the completion of a Bachelor’s degree. Often requires research and writing a thesis. Eg: Master of Business Administration, Architecture, Law or in an area of specialty such as Biotechnology.	No	No	Yes
A Doctoral degree or “Ph.D.” usually requires completion of a Master’s degree and involves course work and original research which must be written as a thesis and successfully defended.	No	No	Yes

Occupation	Description	Approx. Salary	Final Credential
Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performs office duties as assigned. Duties can include typing correspondence, reports and other documents, filing, and maintaining inventory. 	Various Ranges	Certificate
Medical Transcriptionist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record and transcribe surgical proceedings, medical records, and other reports requiring knowledge of medical terminology (to transcribe means to put in written form). 	Various Ranges	Certificate
Admitting Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for all patient registrations, registers individuals when they enter a hospital for tests, treatment, scheduled surgery or emergency treatment and operates switchboards. 	\$45,513	Grade 12, Keyboarding, Typing & Computer Skills, Medical Terminology
Nursing Unit Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage patient chart records and process treatment orders, medication orders, laboratory orders, diagnostic orders, and surgical/medical orders. 	\$46,761	Certificate
Laboratory Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works under the supervision of a Medical Laboratory Technologist (MLT), performing the practical components of sample analysis. MLAs sort, prepare and sometimes process samples that will be tested and analyzed by an MLT. Often the only lab professional that a patient would have contact with would be the MLAs and usually during the sample collection process. 	\$48,380	Certificate
Activity Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assists in providing a balanced program of purposeful services and activities to meet client's activation, life skills, recreational and social needs which will encourage clients to maintain optimum levels of involvement and independence. 	\$49,394	Certificate

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Rehab Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carries out rehabilitative treatment plans and programs, and assists with monitoring patients'/residents' progression under the supervision of, and as assigned by, the responsible therapist or appropriate designate. 	\$51,656	Certificate
Recreation Therapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through various games or crafts this profession keeps patients stimulated and interested. 	\$55,673 \$59,963	Diploma Degree
Cook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepares assigned food items by following established menus, recipes and quantity quotas, determining ingredients and quantities required and assembling ingredients and equipment required for cooking. Plans preparation and cooking schedules, to minimize time between completion of cooking and serving. Cooks and seasons assigned food and therapeutic diet items such as, soups, sauces, salads, starches, meats and other protein menu items in addition to vegetables and desserts. Tests food items for palatability and temperature and adjusts accordingly. Controls portioning of food items to ensure recipe yield meets assigned quantity quotas. 	\$45,513	Certificate / Journey Person Certification
Registered Dietitian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine your love of science, food and helping others. In Northern Health, Dietitians work alongside other health professionals; they may translate complex scientific evidence into practical solutions to promote health and help clients manage special health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, food allergies and obesity. They may work in food service administration or you may find them working in community working with the public to make healthy food choices. 	\$62,088 - \$77,454	Bachelor's Degree

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Registered Nurse (RN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurses provide health care for the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health by assessing a person's health status, planning and providing nursing interventions and coordinating health services. RNs provide this care for people with both stable and unstable health conditions. They work in hospitals, clinics, community health services, long term care homes, private practice and the armed forces. Some RNs teach in universities or in practice settings, conduct research and work as health care leaders. 	\$69,284 - \$90,968	Bachelor's Degree
Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPN is a professional who focuses care on individuals, families, groups, communities, and the environment toward the aim of promoting health and well-being. Specialization in mental health and psychiatry prepare the RPN with knowledge and skills to care for clients of all ages in a variety of facilities including acute and extended care, boarding homes, prisons, the community, and private practice ventures. 	\$69,284 - \$90,968	Bachelor's Degree
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direct nursing care and overall management of patient care by working with other care givers with a focus on stable and predictable patients or clients. 	\$54,893 - \$62,439	Diploma
Health Care Assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works in hospitals, residential care homes helping with personal care (bathing, getting dressed, etc.) and the activities of daily living. Travels to and works in people's homes helping with personal care (bathing, getting dressed and the activities of daily living). 	\$49,393 (Care Aides) \$43,641 - \$47,716 (Community Health Workers)	Certificate

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Social Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews clients individually, in families or in groups to assess their situation and problems to determine the types of services required, which could include counselling, therapy, and case management. Plan programs of assistance to clients including referrals to agencies that provide financial assistance, legal aid, housing, medical treatment, and other support services. Investigate cases of adult abuse or neglect, determine functional incapability for financial matters, and take authorized protective action when necessary. Social Workers work in a variety of programs and settings (e.g. Community, Inter-professional Teams, Residential, Hospitals, etc.) 	\$69,342 - \$86,502	Degree / Bachelor's / Master's
Audiologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing health professionals who screen, assess, identify and treat hearing loss and other auditory disorders for people of all ages. 	\$66,807 - \$83,323	Master's
Speech Language Pathologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech-Language Pathologists are health professionals who screen, assess, identify and treat speech, language, voice, fluency (stuttering), swallowing and feeding problems for all age groups in addition to advocating for the prevention of these disorders. 	\$66,807 - \$83,323	Master's
Physiotherapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapy is a health care profession dedicated to working with people to identify and maximize their ability to move and function throughout their lifespan. Physiotherapy is anchored in movement sciences and aims to enhance or restore function of multiple body systems. The profession is committed to health, lifestyle and quality of life. This holistic approach incorporates a broad range of physical and physiological therapeutic interventions and aids. 	\$65,968 - \$82,270	Master's

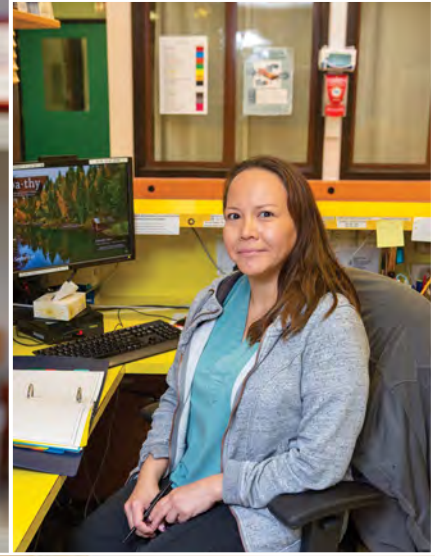
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Occupational Therapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational Therapy helps to solve the problems that interfere with your ability to do the things that are important to you. It can also prevent a problem or minimize its effects. Occupational Therapists believe that occupations (activities) describe who you are and how you feel about yourself. If you are unable to do the things you want, or need to do, to live and enjoy your life, your general well-being may be affected. 	\$65,968 - \$82,270	Master's
Respiratory Therapist (RT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respiratory Therapists (RT's) are highly skilled health care professionals who work in hospitals and community health centres to assist in evaluating, treating and maintaining cardiopulmonary (heart and lung) function. RT's possess specialized knowledge of human anatomy and pathophysiology. They combine this knowledge with innovative medical technology and assessment skills to provide advanced life support for extremely ill patients from newborn to elderly. RT's also provide education and support to the public and patients on how to optimally prevent, manage, and cope with diseases that affect the lungs and heart. 	\$59,962 - \$74,743	Diploma / Bachelor's Degree
Pharmacist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pharmacists are medication experts and work closely with other members of the health care team to ensure people receive the most appropriate medications by identifying and resolving drug therapy problems. Provide drug information and advice to assist in decision-making related to drug therapies. Help to educate patients and families regarding safe and effective medication use. Oversee the preparation of medications by Pharmacy Technicians. 	\$84,357 - \$105,241	Entry-to-Practice PharmD degree/ Residency Training (Advanced)

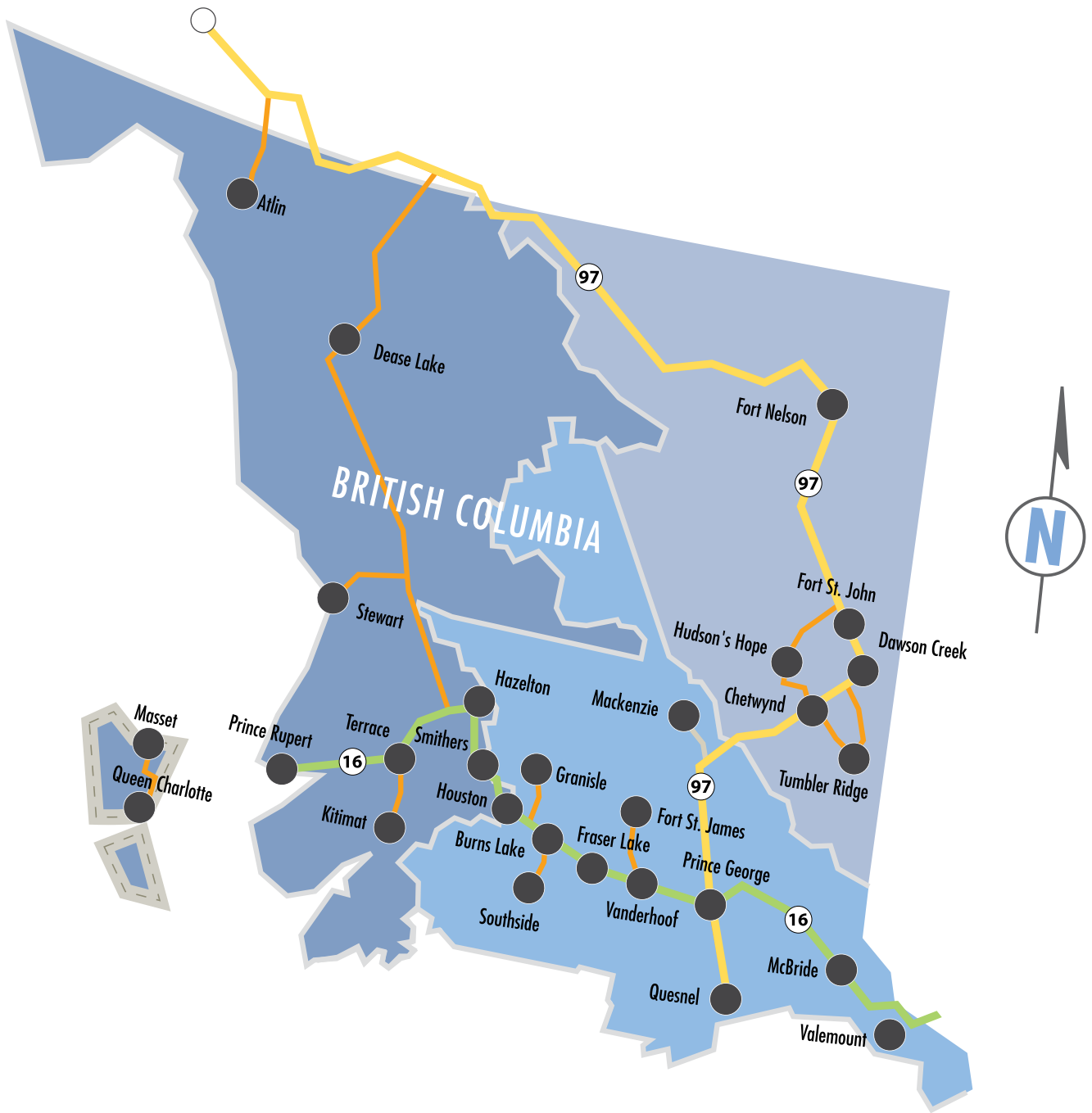
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<p>Pharmacy Technician</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processes Pharmacist-approved medication orders for distribution to a patient, client or resident. Prepares medications that require special mixing. Supports most of the technical, non-clinical functions of a pharmacy. Assists Pharmacists in direct patient care activities such as medication histories. 	<p>\$55,965</p>	<p>Certificate</p>
<p>Nuclear Medicine Technologist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use radioactive tracers that are generally injected into the bloodstream of patients. The path of the radioactive material is followed as it travels through a patient's system and is picked up by the bones or organs to be examined. The images produced help determine the nature of a disease and the extent of involvement and also help measure responses to treatment. 	<p>\$57,915- \$72,228</p>	<p>Diploma / Degree</p>
<p>Ultrasound Technologist/ Sonographer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses medical devices to transmit ultrasound through various parts of the body. Images are created on screens to show the shape and composition of organs, tissues, and other body mass such as fluid accumulation. The information from these images is then provided to a physician for diagnosis and treatment. 	<p>\$62,400 - \$77,786</p>	<p>Diploma</p>
<p>Medical Laboratory Technologist (MLT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes tissue samples, blood and other body fluids as part of the diagnostic procedure. MLTs provide the results of these sophisticated tests to physicians, allowing them to make accurate diagnosis and if needed, appropriate treatment. MLTs may specialize in clinical chemistry, clinical microbiology, hematology, histotechnology, immunohematology, cytotechnology, and clinical genetics. 	<p>\$57,915 - \$72,228</p>	<p>Certificate / Diploma</p>

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<p>Medical Radiation Technologist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use highly sophisticated x-ray equipment, CT (computerized tomography) scanners to produce images that are used by radiologists to diagnose the extent of disease or injury. • These images may be displayed on x-ray film, videotape, television monitors or computer read-outs. 	<p>\$57,915 - \$72,228</p>	<p>Diploma</p>
<p>MRI Technologist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs MRI procedures as requested by physician and approved by radiologists. Establishes I.V. routes and administers contrast material under the direct supervision of Radiologists. 	<p>\$57,915 - \$72,228</p>	<p>Diploma</p>
<p>Biomedical Technologist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service medical equipment such as heart monitors, etc. • Design, research, evaluate, and test medical electrical and electronic equipment and systems. 	<p>\$62,088 - \$77,454</p>	<p>Diploma / Degree</p>
<p>Sterile Processing Aide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean, package, sterilize, store, and handle sterile supplies with a focus on infection control and aseptic technique 	<p>\$46,839</p>	<p>Certificate</p>
<p>Environmental Health Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure compliance with public health and safety regulations and conduct inspections to ensure compliance with regulations that govern air, water, food, land development and communicable disease control. • Workers in this group work with local governments and other stakeholders to prevent the spread of disease, or risk of injury, and to support the development of healthy communities. 	<p>\$59,963 - \$74,744</p>	<p>Post Degree Diploma</p>
<p>Nurse Practitioner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized training as an advanced practice nurse who can assess, treat and prescribe for many common conditions. 	<p>\$103,822 - \$114,751</p>	<p>Masters Degree in Clinical Nursing</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Aboriginal Patient Liaison Worker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a bridge between Aboriginal communities and their culture, and the NH health care providers with the intent to improve access to service, and the quality of health care provided to Aboriginal Peoples and their Elders. 	<p style="text-align: center;">\$55,556</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Diploma or Degree in Social Science</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mental Health and Addictions Clinician</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides direct psychosocial care, counselling and group work, system navigation and advocacy, education and linkage to relevant specialized complex care resources while facilitating client self-management. Provides and develops services to maintain or improve the health and social well-being and functioning of the identified population. 	<p style="text-align: center;">\$68,153 - \$84,981</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Degree or Masters</p>







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