

Top 10 Skills of 31 Key Health Care Occupations

Educational Requirement	Skills required for Health Care Occupations																		
		Active Listening	Reading Comprehension	Speaking	Monitoring	Critical Thinking	Social Perceptiveness	Service Orientation	Writing	Coordination	Active Learning	Science	Instruction	Judgment and Decision Making	Time Management	Operation Monitoring	Learning Strategies	Complex Problem Solving	Quality Control Analysis
Doctoral or Professional Degree	Dentists	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•		•				•	
	Family and General Practitioners	•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•		•				•	
	Internists, General	•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•		•				•	
	Optometrists	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•					
	Pharmacists	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•						
	Physical Therapists	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•		•				
Bachelor's or Master's Degree	Occupational Therapists	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•				•				
	Physician Assistants	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•					
	Dietitians and Nutritionists	•	•	•	•	•	•		•								•	•	
	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	•				•			•
	Medical and Health Services Managers	•	•	•	•	•	•			•				•	•				•
Associate's Degree or some college, no degree	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•						
	Dental Hygienists	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•						
	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•						
	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•				•			
	Physical Therapist Assistants	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							•		
	Radiologic Technicians	•	•	•	•		•	•		•					•	•			•
	Radiologic Technologists	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•						
	Registered Nurses	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•					
	Respiratory Therapists	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•							
	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•							
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•				•	•				
	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				•	•	•				
	Physical Therapist Aides	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•				•		
	Psychiatric Technicians	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•						•		
	Surgical Technologists	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•					•			•
High school diploma/equivalent or less than high school	Medical Assistants	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•								
	Medical Secretaries	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•				
	Pharmacy Aides	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•								•
	Pharmacy Technicians	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•								
	Home Health Aides	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•						

Source: U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Information Network (O*NET) at online.oncenter.org