

# EXPLORE ALLIED HEALTH CAREERS

## WHAT ARE ALLIED HEALTH CAREERS?

These careers are clinical professions besides MD, PA, RN etc. For students who are interested in careers where you are part of a medical team, allied health care providers may play roles in evaluating and assessing a patient's needs, keeping the physician and others informed of the patient's progress and caring for the patient. Others work independently as specialists in exercise, nutrition, health education, and speech.

## FREQUENT JOB TITLES

- Speech Language Pathologist
- Anesthesia Technologist/Technician
- Cardiovascular Technician
- Medical Lab Technologist
- Genetic Counselor
- Patient Advocate

## KEY SKILLS

- Critical Thinking
- Active Listening
- Oral Communication
- Monitoring

## RELATED STUDENT ORGS

- AHANA-MAPS Pre-Health Society
- Pre-Health Undergraduates Learning about Social Equity (PULSE)
- Bucky Pre-Health Volunteering Association
- Community Health Volunteers of Madison

## LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensure varies by state and specialty
- Information is available from state departments of health or boards of occupational licensing
- Get certified by a professional association such as the American Medical Technologists

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 1-2 year training programs
- Bachelor's Degree (B.S.)
- Master's Degree (M.S.)

## COMMON EMPLOYERS

- UW Health
- UnitedHealth Group
- Dean Clinic
- Unity Point Health - Meriter
- State, local, and private institutions

## HIRING TRENDS

- Demand for healthcare workers growing twice as fast up to 2020
- Program application deadlines vary

## ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions
- Health Professionals Network
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- ExploreHealthCareers.Org