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Virginia's Healthcare Workforce Data Center Issues Digital Healthcare Occupational Road Map

Healthcare jobs to remain high growth careers

RICHMOND—To assist Virginians considering careers to meet the healthcare needs of Virginia's 8 million residents, the Virginia Department of Health Professions' (DHP) Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC) released its [Healthcare Occupational Roadmap](#) to support students and others with their decision-making process. This digital tool includes overviews of more than ten career paths with modest educational requirements; projected yearly median income ranges of \$30,000 - \$60, 000 or more and high job satisfaction rates.

"Healthcare is projected to be the largest segment of the U.S. economy, which means we need to educate and train more healthcare practitioners," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Dr. Bill Hazel. "Providing real data on job prospects through this new Roadmap will help potential health workers decide if this is the field for them, and help the state better track its workforce needs."

The DHP HWDC Healthcare Occupational Roadmap contains key information about health care careers, including educational requirements, levels of job satisfaction and median income. The Roadmap includes video clips of licensed practitioners, charts and career overviews that support [Executive Order 23](#) to advance regional and statewide information regarding workforce credentialing and educational requirements to meet the demands of Virginia's labor market.

Careers featured include: Assisted Living Facility Administrator; Nursing Home Administrator; Certified Nurse Aide; Licensed Practical Nurse; Registered Nurse; Dental Hygienist; Pharmacy Technician; Physical Therapist Assistant; Occupational Therapy Assistant; Licensed Radiological Technologist; and Respiratory Therapist.

The DHP Healthcare Workforce Data Center works to improve the data collection and measurement of Virginia's healthcare workforce through regular assessment of workforce supply and demand issues among Virginia's 60 professions and over 350,000 licensed practitioners.

It is the mission of the Department of Health Professions to ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public.

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