



Respiratory Therapy

Breathe easy because a respiratory therapist is on the job. RTs diagnose, treat, monitor and educate patients with breathing problems. RTs treat a variety of patients and are the fastest growing health care role in Kansas.

1. Average Salary:

- \$27.21 (hourly)
- \$56,600 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Associate degree or bachelor's degree

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 104

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 1,582 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- High

6. Blood Interaction:

- Moderate

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

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| • Hutchinson Community College | • Northwest Kansas Technical College |
| • Johnson County Community College | • Seward County Community College |
| • Kansas City Kansas Community College | • University of Kansas Medical Center |
| • Labette County Community College | • Washburn University |
| • Newman University | |

Family Practice Medicine

Family practice physicians receive training in pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology to diagnose and treat patients of all ages and health conditions. These doctors are your go-to health heroes for all ages and every health adventure.

1. Average Salary:

- \$204,040 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Doctorate

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 22

4. Projected 2030 Employment:

- 623 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- High

6. Blood Interaction:

- Moderate

7. Work Environment

- Clinical or non-clinical opportunities available

8. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

- University of Kansas School of Medicine
- Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Facilities Management

Get ready to discover the exciting world of facilities management, where pros keep everything running like a well-oiled machine! From making sure buildings are safe and secure to planning for the future, this team ensures that health care spaces are both functional and vibrant.

1. Average Salary:

- \$35.26 (hourly)
- \$73,349 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Less than 1 year (but additional training and education can be achieved)

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 139

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 2,006 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- Low

6. Blood Interaction:

- None

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program (although a degree may not be required for all roles):

- University of Kansas Medical Center
- University of Kansas Edwards Campus
- University of Kansas Facilities Planning & Development
- Wichita State University
- Kansas State University

Behavioral Health

Behavioral health professionals practice empathy and insight to help at-risk and in-crisis individuals navigate a path to mental health wellness. In a hospital setting, these professionals utilize several tools and strategies as social workers, crisis counselors, and family and child therapists.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LSCW): Social workers identify individual and community needs, assess client's situations and goals, and help them to navigate life challenges. They research, refer, and advocate for community resources, respond to crisis situations, and ensure follow-up for improved well-being.

1. Average Salary:

- \$26.67 (hourly)
- \$55,470 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Master's Degree

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 173

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 1,706 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- Moderate

6. Blood Interaction:

- Low

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

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| • Wichita State University | • Newman University |
| • University of St. Mary | • Kansas State University |
| • University of Kansas | • Fort Hays State University |
| • Tabor College | • Bethel College |
| • Pittsburg State University | • Washburn University |

Pharmacy

A hospital pharmacy team consists of a pharmacist, pharmacy technicians and assistants working together to serve pre-and post-op patients as well as individuals with chronic conditions. They also practice quality assurance, take part in dispensing clinical trials, and conduct community outreach and education.

Pharmacist: Your role involves dispensing drugs prescribed by health practitioners, providing patients with information on medications, and advising healthcare professionals on selection, dosage, interactions, and side effects.

1. Average Salary:

- \$58.14 (hourly)
- \$121,710 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Doctorate

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 129

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 2,989 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- Low

6. Blood Interaction:

- Low

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

- University of Kansas Medical Center

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Pharmacy Technician: Working under supervision of the Pharmacist, you receive, verify prescriptions, perform dosage calculations, prepare medications, and handle various clerical tasks.

1. Average Salary:

- \$16.53 (hourly)
- \$34,390 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Less than 1 year

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 321

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 3,888 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- Moderate

6. Blood Interaction:

- Low

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

- North Central Kansas Technical College
- Kansas City Community College
- Barton County Community College
- Allen County Community College

Health IT/Cybersecurity

IT and cybersecurity professionals are the frontline of defense for a hospital's digital infrastructure. They are the sentinels ready to roll out strong defenses to protect patient data and prevent unauthorized attacks and breaches.

1. Average Salary:

- \$34.68 (hourly)
- \$72,134.40 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Associate's degree or bachelor's degree

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 100+

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 5,000+

5. Patient Interaction:

- Low

6. Blood Interaction:

- None

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

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| • Butler Community College | • Labette County Community College |
| • Cowley County Community College | • University of Kansas |
| • Fort Hays State University | • Wichita State University |
| • Friends University | |
| • Garden City Community College | |
| • Kansas State University | |
| • Johnson County Community College | |

Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapists work with patients who have conditions that are mentally, physically, developmentally or emotionally disabling to help people regain independence in their daily lives. They are motivators, champions and advocates who improve lives.

1. Average Salary:

- \$42.09 (hourly)
- \$87,660 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Doctorate

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 106

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 1,731 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- High

6. Blood Interaction:

- Low

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

- University of Kansas Medical Center

8. Other Information:

- Interested in Occupational Therapy but not pursuing a Doctorate? Consider becoming an **Occupational Therapist Assistant**.
 - Working alongside an OT, you will help to conduct patient evaluations, lead engaging activity programs, and support personalized treatment plans
 - Associate's degree required
 - \$29.10 (hourly); \$60,520 (annual)
 - 103 annual job openings

Critical Care Nursing/ICU

Critical care nurses provide life-saving care to patients who are seriously ill or injured. They monitor, assess, treat and advocate for patients in severe life-threatening moments. By being the face patients seek and the hands they clasp, critical care nurses are in the midst of transformative care.

1. Average Salary:

- \$42.09 (hourly)
- \$87,660 (annual)

2. Education Level Required:

- Bachelor's degree (generally)

3. Average Annual Job Openings:

- 106

4. Projected 2028 Employment:

- 1,731 jobs

5. Patient Interaction:

- High

6. Blood Interaction:

- High

7. Schools in Kansas Offering This Program:

- Baker University
- Benedictine College
- Bethany college
- Bethel College
- Emporia State University Fort Hays State University
- Kansas Wesleyan University
- Newman University
- Ottawa University
- Pittsburg State University
- University of Kansas Medical Center
- University of Saint Mary
- Washburn University
- Wichita State University