

Health Sciences Degrees At-A-Glance

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Addiction Services (63)	5 semesters (AAS)	~ \$7,200	Open	30-40 hrs	CDCA \$50; SWA \$40; LCDC II \$150 exam fee, \$50 application fee	\$17-\$18/hr	M-F, shift work & weekends available	Minimum	Yes
Clinical Lab Tech (60-62)	5 semesters	~ \$9,000	Competitive	30-40 hrs	\$200 for ASCP Certification	\$20-\$25/hr	Hrs/shifts may vary	Yes/Yes	Yes
Dental Hygiene (69)	5 semesters	~ \$14,000	Open with up to 50% accepted through AAAA	30-40 hrs	Yes - \$1,525	\$28-\$30/hr	Part-time and Full- time hours	Yes	Yes
Dietetics (64-66)	5 semesters	~ \$10,500	Open	30-40 hrs	\$120 for CDR certification exam	\$18-\$24/hr	Yes/1st shift	Yes	Yes
Electroneuro- diagnostic Technology (62)	4 semesters	~ \$10,000	Competitive	30-40 hrs	Costs vary \$350 - \$700	\$20 - \$23/hr	Varies- shifts and on-call expectations	Yes	Yes
Emergency Medical Services (60)	5 semesters	~ \$8,500	Open	30-40 hrs	EMT = \$80 Paramedic = \$125	\$16/hr	8, 12, 16 and 24 hour shifting	Yes	Yes

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Emergency Medical Services/Fire Services (63-64)	5 semesters	~ 8,500	Open	30-40 hrs	EMT = \$80 Paramedic = \$125	\$23/hr	24 hours on, 48 hours off	Yes	Yes
Exercise Science (65)	5 semesters	~ \$7,000	Open	20-30 hrs	ACSM Certified Personal Trainer exam - \$175	\$15-\$25/hr	Variable work schedule – mostly daytime hrs	Yes/No	Yes
Health Information Management (62)	5-6 semesters	~ \$10,500	Open	25-35 hrs- Online option offers flexibility.	National RHIT Examination - \$229	\$15-\$17/hr	Hosp. or medical office; many work from home	No	Yes
Healthcare Simulation Technology (60-61)	4 semesters	~ \$9,000	Open	30-40 hrs	None	\$12-\$16/hr	Varies - can include evenings and weekends	No	No
Human Services Degree (63)	5 semesters	~ \$7,200	Open	30-40 hrs	CDCA - \$50; SWA - \$40	\$15-\$16/hr	M-F, 8-5, shift work & weekends available	Minimum	Yes
Medical Assistant Technology (60-61)	5 semesters	~ \$8,000	Open	30-40 hrs	AAMA - \$125	\$10-\$16/hr	M-F 8-5 but may also incl. week nights or weekends depending on office	Yes/Yes	Yes
Nursing (65)	5 semesters	~ \$11,000	Open with up to 50% accepted through AAAA	30-40 hrs	\$270 for exam & licensure	\$22-\$29/hr	Yes/Yes	Yes	Yes
Occupational Therapy Assistant (65)	5 semesters	~ \$9,000	Open with up to 50% accepted through AAAA	30 -40 hrs	~ \$500	\$21-\$25/hr	Yes/ hours may vary including holidays & weekends	Yes	Yes

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Physical Therapist Assistant (65)	5 semesters	~ \$9,700	Competitive	30 -40 hrs	NPTE ~ \$785; Jurisprudence - \$120	\$21-25/hr	Hrs/shifts may vary including holidays & weekends	Yes	Yes
Public Health (60-61)	4 semesters	~ \$9,000	Open	30 -40 hrs	No	\$12-\$16/hr	Varies	Yes/Minimal	No
Radiologic Technology (65)	5 semesters	~ \$12,000	Open	40 hrs	Nat'l Cert. Exam - \$250; License Fee -\$35	\$16-\$19/hr	Varies	Yes	Yes
Respiratory Care (65)	5 semesters	~ \$10,000	Competitive	30-40 hrs	Exam - \$400; License Fee - \$100	\$21-\$28/hr	Varies, includes holidays & weekends	Yes	Yes
Surgical Technology (65)	5 semesters	~ \$7,300	Open	30-40 hrs	Certification ~\$190- \$290	\$18-\$20/hr	Varies, includes holidays & weekends	Yes	Yes
Veterinary Technology (65)	5 semesters	~ \$10,000	Competitive	30-40 hrs	\$350 exam; \$65 for fingerprint & background check	\$12-\$16/hr	Varies, may include holidays & weekends	Yes	Yes

^{*}Reflects current in-county tuition rates. Additional costs vary by program.

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