

# Pre-professional Health Sciences

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Pre-professional Health Sciences. Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major. Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

## Sample Job Titles:

- Acupuncturist
- Allergist/Immunologist
- Anesthesiologist
- Biomedical Engineer
- Cardiologist
- Chiropractor
- Dentist
- Dermatologist
- Electrologist
- Emergency Medicine Specialist
- Endocrinologist
- Epidemiologist
- Exercise Physiologist
- Family Practitioner
- Gastroenterologist
- Geneticist
- General Practitioner
- Gerontologist
- Gynecologist/Obstetrician
- Health Physicist
- Hematologist
- Medical Examiner
- Medical Physicist
- Naturopathic Doctor
- Neonatalist
- Nephrologist
- Neurologist
- Oncologist
- Ophthalmologist
- Optometrist
- Orthopedic Medical Physicians
- Osteopathic Physician
- Otolaryngologist
- Pathologist
- Pediatrician
- Physician
- Podiatrist
- Psychiatrist
- Radiologist
- Rheumatologist
- Sports Medicine Specialist
- Surgeon
- Urologist
- Veterinarian

## Possible Professional Settings:

- Ambulance Service
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Blood Banks
- Custodial Care Facility
- Drug Abuse Facilities
- Emergency Centers
- Health Maintenance Organization
- Home Health Care
- Hospital
- Nursing Home Care
- Insurance Companies
- Medical/Dental Clinic
- Migrant Health Projects
- Pharmaceutical Firms
- Poison Control Center
- Private Practice
- Prison Health Service
- Public Health Services
- Vision Clinics
- Speech & Hearing Clinics
- Vocational / Rehabilitation Centers

## Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.\*

### Websites Related to this Field

- American College of Healthcare Executives: [www.healthmanagementcareers.org](http://www.healthmanagementcareers.org)
- National Library of Medicine: [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)
- The Student Doctor Network: [www.studentdoctor.net](http://www.studentdoctor.net)
- Comprehensive list of health care careers: <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org/en/Index.aspx>
- Information on a variety of health professions: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthoccupations.html>
- Healthcare info, professional associations, self-assessment quiz; "career guide" : <http://www.mshealthcareers.com/careers/>
- Definition of public health and related careers in the field: [www.whatispublichealth.org](http://www.whatispublichealth.org)

- Allied health career information and steps to becoming a medical doctor: [www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/13087.html](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/13087.html)
- [www.nursingcarecenter.info](http://www.nursingcarecenter.info)
- [www.discovernursing.com](http://www.discovernursing.com)
- HealthCare Careers: [www.health-care-careers.org/healthcare-careers.html](http://www.health-care-careers.org/healthcare-careers.html)
- Explore Health Careers: <http://Explorehealthcareers.org/en/home>
- Health Professions Network: [http://www.healthpronet.org/exploring\\_ahp/](http://www.healthpronet.org/exploring_ahp/)

## Selected Professional Association Websites

- American Academy of Family Physicians: [www.aafp.org](http://www.aafp.org)
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy: [www.aacp.org](http://www.aacp.org)
- American Association of Medical Assistants: [www.aama-ntl.org](http://www.aama-ntl.org)
- American Association of Naturopathic Physicians: [www.naturopathic.org](http://www.naturopathic.org)
- American Dental Association: [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)
- American Health Care Association: [www.ahcancal.org](http://www.ahcancal.org)
- American Health Information Management Association: [www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org)
- American Medical Association: [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)
- American Medical Women's Association: [www.amwa-doc.org](http://www.amwa-doc.org)
- American Osteopathic Association: [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org)
- American Public Health Association: [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Assn.: [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)
- American Veterinary Medical Association: [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)
- Gerontological Society of America: [www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org)

## Selected Opportunities

- Descriptions of areas within the field of alternative medicine: [www.naturalhealers.com](http://www.naturalhealers.com)
- Brief descriptions of various nursing careers: [www.choosenursing.com](http://www.choosenursing.com)
- Genetics counseling career information, post-secondary options, and work settings: [www.nsgc.org/career/](http://www.nsgc.org/career/)
- Speech and hearing professions career information: <http://www.asha.org/students/>
- Healthcare managers career descriptions, profile interviews: [www.healthmanagementcareers.org](http://www.healthmanagementcareers.org)
- Links to healthcare career information: [http://cns.utexas.edu/hpo/career\\_information.asp](http://cns.utexas.edu/hpo/career_information.asp)
- Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP): <http://www.aamc.org/students/>
- Summer Undergraduate Research Programs: [https://www.aamc.org/members/great/61052/great\\_summerlinks.html](https://www.aamc.org/members/great/61052/great_summerlinks.html)
- Health Policy Internships: [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org) and [www.kaiseredu.org](http://www.kaiseredu.org)
- Aspiring Docs (AAMC): <http://aspiringdocs.org/opportunities>
- WEbGURU – Guide for Undergraduate Research: <http://www.webguru.neu.edu>

## General Career Information

- Washington Occupation Information System: [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org) Site Key: KTX478
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- The Occupational Information Network, (O\*Net): [www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

## SPU Resources

- Pre-professional Health Programs: [www.spu.edu/depts/biology/preprofessional3.asp](http://www.spu.edu/depts/biology/preprofessional3.asp)
- Health Sciences Department Website: <http://www.spu.edu/depts/health-sciences/>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: [www.spu.edu/depts/sas](http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas)
- Academic Catalog: [www.spu.edu/academics.aspx](http://www.spu.edu/academics.aspx)
- On Track Degree Planner: <http://spu.edu/academics/on-track-degree-planner/>
- Student Organizations: Club Med, MAPS and NAPS

\* Websites are current as of September 2011. If any go inactive, please let us know

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