



CAREER PATH

Health

CAREER CLUSTER
Health Sciences

CAREER PATHWAY
Therapeutic Services



HOME HEALTH AIDE

Provide routine, personal healthcare, such as bathing, dressing, or grooming, to elderly, convalescent, or disabled persons in the home of patients or in a residential care facility.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a home health aide are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Home health aides	55.3%	37.3%	7.4%
Nursing, psychiatric & home health aides	55.3%	37.3%	7.4%
Healthcare support	28.4%	58.4%	13.2%

Most Common Educational Level: Short-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$8.30	\$9.62	\$11.34
	Yearly	\$17,300	\$20,000	\$23,600
Missouri	Hourly	\$7.80	\$8.76	\$10.03
	Yearly	\$16,200	\$18,200	\$20,900

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Home Health Aide	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	787,300	1,170,900	+ 49%	45,410
Missouri	9,680	13,060	+ 35%	460

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

In Missouri, training programs are employer-based. Other states may have different educational requirements.



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