



CAREER PATH
Health
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Health Sciences
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Therapeutic Services



OBSTETRICIAN OR GYNECOLOGIST

Diagnose, treat, and help prevent diseases of women, especially those affecting the reproductive system and the process of childbirth.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an obstetrician or gynecologist 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
Physicians and surgeons	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners	3.2%	11.9%	84.9%
Healthcare practitioners and technical	11.6%	30.8%	57.5%

Most Common Educational Level: First professional degree

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.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$74.03	\$80.00+	\$80.00+
	Yearly	\$154,000	\$166,400+	\$166,400+
Missouri	Hourly	\$71.64	\$80.00+	\$80.00+
	Yearly	\$149,000	\$166,400+	\$166,400+

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

National and State Employment Trends

Physicians and Surgeons	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2008	2018		
United States	661,400	805,500	+22%	26,050
Missouri	12,820	13,620	+6%	310

*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

A T Still University – Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Kirksville, MO
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Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
 Kansas City, MO
 (800) 234-4847
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St Louis University – School of Medicine
 Saint Louis, MO
 (314) 977-9870
www.medschool.slu.edu

University of Missouri – Columbia – School of Medicine
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 (573) 882-6333
www.som.missouri.edu

University of Missouri – Kansas City – School of Medicine
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www.med.umkc.edu

Washington University – School of Medicine
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