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## ORAL OR MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON

Perform surgery on mouth, jaws, and related head and neck structure to execute difficult and multiple extractions of teeth, to remove tumors and other abnormal growths, to correct abnormal jaw relations by mandibular or maxillary revision, to prepare mouth for insertion of dental prosthesis, or to treat fractured jaws.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an oral or maxillofacial surgeon 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
Oral and maxillofacial 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.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$67.59	\$80.00+	\$80.00+
	Yearly	\$140,600	\$166,400+	\$166,400+
Missouri	Hourly	\$80.00+	\$80.00+	\$80.00+
	Yearly	\$166,400+	\$166,400+	\$166,400+

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

### National and State Employment Trends

Oral or Maxillofacial Surgeons	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2008	2018		
United States	6,700	7,700	+15%	290
Missouri	90	80	N/A**	N/A**

\*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.

\*\*N/A is displayed in cases where data cannot be published because of federal data privacy standards.

### Educational Opportunities

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

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