



CAREER PATH

# Health

CAREER CLUSTER  
**Health Sciences**

CAREER PATHWAY  
**Support Services**



## PHARMACY AIDE

Record drugs delivered to the pharmacy, store incoming merchandise, and inform the supervisor of stock needs. May operate cash register and accept prescriptions for filling.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a pharmacy 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
Pharmacy aides	30.6%	58.9%	10.4%
Other healthcare support occupations	29.5%	57.5%	12.9%
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](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$8.14	\$9.39	\$11.48
	Yearly	\$16,900	\$19,500	\$23,900
Missouri	Hourly	\$7.47	\$8.63	\$10.47
	Yearly	\$15,500	\$18,000	\$21,800

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

### National and State Employment Trends

Pharmacy Aide	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	50,400	44,800	-11%	630
Missouri	1,010	1,100	+ 8%	30

\*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](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

#### Allied College North

Maryland Heights, MO  
(314) 595-3400  
[www.hightechinstitute.edu](http://www.hightechinstitute.edu)

#### Allied College South

Fenton, MO  
(636) 326-7300  
[www.hightechinstitute.edu](http://www.hightechinstitute.edu)

#### Franklin Technology - MSSU

Joplin, MO  
(417) 659-4400  
[ftcjoplin.com](http://ftcjoplin.com)

#### Midwest Institute

Kirkwood, MO  
(314) 965-8363

#### National American University

- Zona Rosa  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 412-5500  
[www.national.edu](http://www.national.edu)

#### Saint Louis Community College

- Forest Park  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 644-9100  
[www.stlcc.edu](http://www.stlcc.edu)

#### St Louis College of Health Careers

Fenton, MO  
(636) 529-0000  
[www.slchc.com](http://www.slchc.com)

#### St Louis College of Health Careers

Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 652-0300  
[www.slchc.com](http://www.slchc.com)

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**Vatterott College**  
Joplin, MO  
(417) 781-5633  
[www.vatterott-college.edu](http://www.vatterott-college.edu)

**Vatterott College**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 861-1000  
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**Vatterott College**  
Springfield, MO  
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