DO YOU WANT TO BE A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL?

M.D.  
**Medical Doctor**

**REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE**
- Degree from an accredited College of Allopathic Medicine
- Pass the National Board Certification (USMLE)
- State M.D. Licensure
- Pass the M.D. certification exam for their specialty programs
- Medical school is four years long
- Residency takes three to eight years depending on specialization

**LIFESTYLE**
- 20 - 40 Continuing Medical Experience (CME) credits every year depending on the state
- Recertification every 10 years
- Average Starting Salary $150,000

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- www.ama-assn.org/ama

D.O.  
**Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**

**REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE**
- Degree from an accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Pass the National Board Certification (COMLEX-USA)
- State D.O. Licensure
- Pass the D.O. certification exam for their specialty programs
- Medical school is four years long
- Residency takes three to eight years depending on specialization

**LIFESTYLE**
- 120 Continuing Medical Experience (CME) credits every three years
- Recertification every 10 years
- Average Starting Salary $140,000

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- www.aacom.org

P.A.  
**Physician Assistant**

**REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE**
- Degree from an accredited P.A. program
- Pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE)
- State P.A. Licensure
- Pass the P.A. certification exam for their specialty programs
- Most P.A. programs are 2-3 years long
- Must complete 2,000 hours of clinical rotations

**LIFESTYLE**
- Must have 100 hours of Continuing Medical Experience (CME) credits every two years
- Retake the PANCE every 10 years
- Average Starting Salary $90,000

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- www.aapa.org

N.P.  
**Nurse Practitioner**

**REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE**
- Master's Degree in Nursing
- Registered Nurse License
- National Board Certification
- Pass the N.P. certification exam for their specialty programs
- Must become an RN first
- Master’s Degree can be earned in 1-3 years

**LIFESTYLE**
- 86.5% of N.P.s are in primary care
- 44.8% of N.P.s hold Hospital privileges
- 15% of N.P.s have their own private Practice
- Average starting salary $97,990

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- www.aanp.org

R.N.  
**Registered Nurse**

**REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE**
- Associate Degree in Nursing
- National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) programs
- Conventional BSN programs take 4 years
- Accelerated Programs take 11-18 months for those with a BS in another field

**LIFESTYLE**
- Considerable time standing or walking
- Must cope well with stress
- Average starting salary $64,690

**FOUR ADVANCED CLINICAL PROFESSIONS**
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Midwife
- Nurse Practitioner

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- www.nursingworld.org

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Perform Surgery
Wound Care
Administer Medication
Perform Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment
Take Medical History & Physical Exams
Order & Interpret Diagnostic Tests
Write Perscriptions