Career Paths in Health Care

- Pharmacist
- Certified Nurse Midwifery
- Nurse Practitioner
- Certified RN Anesthetist
- Physician Assistant Certified
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Medical / Clinical Lab Technologist
- Cytogenic Technologist
- Medical Secretary
- System Architect / Network Admin

- Radiologist Asst, Med Dosimetry
- Respiratory Therapist / Care Practitioner
- Registered Nurse
- Physical / Occupational Therapist
- Lab Technician
- Cytotechnologist
- Medical Coder / Biller
- Database Administrator / Systems Programmer Analyst

- Radiologic Technologist, Radiation Therapist, Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Licensed Practical & Vocational
- Lab Technician
- Lab Assistant / Phlebotomist
- Medical Record / Health Info
- Clinical Analyst / Application

- Pharmacy
- Respiratory Therapy Tech
- Medical Assistant
- Physical / Occupational Therapy Asst
- Physical / Occupational Therapy Aide
- Medical Receptionist
- Software Tester / Tech Support

- Pharmacy Clerk / Aides
- Home Health Aide, Certified Nurse Assistant, Environmental Services, File Clerk, EMT
- Lab Technician
- Histologic Technician
- Help Desk Support / Unit Coordinator

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Health Care is one of the largest employment sectors in Washington and is a significant industry in King County. Despite a slowdown in the last economic recession, job growth in Health Care has remained positive.

Before the recession, the Health Care industry faced shortages of trained workers in many occupations. While the economic downturn dropped the rate of vacancies, the underlying factors that caused worker shortages remain and are looming again in the recovery. These include an aging population increasing the demand for care services and an aging workforce leading to more retirements.

Industry employment is projected to expand 23.4% between 2014 and 2024. Shortages are expected to continue, especially for registered nurses, personal/home care aids and home health aides. These shortages were delayed by the recession, which prevented some of the current workforce from retiring.

Sources: EMSI Analyst and Chmura Economics Jobs EQ

* Includes replacements from retirements, attrition, etc.

** Includes wages, salaries, profits, benefits and other forms of compensation