HIGH SCHOOL to HEALTHCARE CAREER

5 Entryways to a fulfilling career in a high-demand industry

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1 Career and Technical Programs in High School

Reduce your out-of-pocket college costs by knocking out core health sciences courses through Dual Enrollment for quicker entry into paid roles, some requiring little or no additional experience. Depending on the program, some students graduate with a full workforce credential for more specialized healthcare roles (e.g. nursing, respiratory technician).

2 Fast Track Credential Programs

Complete a credential program while you are in high school to apply for hospital jobs that require certification (e.g. EMT/Paramedic) and/or have solid relevant volunteer (or paid) experience for your college applications. Complete in 8-20 weeks with low out-of-pocket costs (Avg. cost is <$1000).

3 Fast (and Free!*) College Degrees

Check out high-demand healthcare degree programs that qualify for G3 funding and can be completed in two years.

*Your out-of-pocket costs for tuition, fees, and books can be $0 if you meet the eligibility requirements for G3, after federal financial aid.

DID YOU KNOW?

VA Residents may qualify for **G3 tuition assistance** for pursuing training in 5 in-demand fields. Each of Virginia's 23 community colleges has a list of approved G3 programs that are designed to be "stackable," meaning that each program starts with skills training that leads to a certificate with immediate value in the labor market.

4 Traditional 4-Year College Degrees

Research program rankings, program details, and application timeline. Explore career paths in healthcare to help you identify what degree, experience, and licensure you may need.

5 Graduate Level Education

To become a medical doctor or other healthcare professional requiring specialty or graduate level training, you will need to apply to medical or graduate school following completion of a college degree. Completion of career and technical training, a credential program, hands-on clinical training experiences (or shadowing), and other relevant experience will help your application stand out.

Check out **OnBoardVirginia.com** for more on healthcare degree programs in Virginia, job opportunities, and incentives for pursuing a high-demand healthcare career.