



# Physician

**Physicians** diagnose and treat human disease, pain, injury, deformity, and other health conditions. These professionals may choose to practice in a specialized field. For example, they may focus on treating children, women, or elderly people; or on specific diseases or conditions, such as heart disease or cancer; or in other practice areas, such as surgery.

## Education

Complete at least 60 semester hours of college study from a Department-registered program or the equivalent. Most applicants admitted to medical school have at least a bachelor's degree.

AND

Complete a [Department-registered](#) Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine licensure program, or the equivalent.

## Experience

Complete at least one year of postgraduate hospital training in an accredited residency program approved by an agency recognized by the Department.

## Examination

United States Medical Licensing Examination or examination of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

► Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

## Video



## Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: variable depending on specialty.
- Salary range: \$79,260-\$250,000+
- Project growth: faster to much faster than average

## Where Could I Work?

- Individual and group practices
- Hospitals and healthcare organizations
- Research and education
- Government and consulting

## Your Interests and Abilities

- Basic and medical sciences
- Perform medical procedures
- Manual and technical skills

## Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Attention to detail
- Analytical thinking
- Communication
- Stress tolerance

## What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at [mynextmove.org/explore/ip](http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip)

**Tip:** try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a physician about what they do and how they got started!