

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.

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: variable depending on specialty.
- Salary range: \$77,317-\$281,399
- 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

