

# Career Progressions: Health Care

21%+ is high job growth  
14-20% is moderate job growth

## for Today

Requires short to moderate-term on-the-job training &/or certificate

	NM Median Annual Wage	NM Projected Job Growth
Home Health Aides	\$18,600	49%
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$21,800	14%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants*	\$22,000	19%
Skin Care Technician (Arizona data)	\$24,600	38%
Social & Human Services Assistants*	\$25,100	26%
Medical Assistants*	\$26,100	31%
Pharmacy Technicians	\$28,000	36%
Dental Assistants*	\$37,000	23%

## Tomorrow

Requires long-term on-the-job training, work experience, post-secondary vocational and/or associate degree

	NM Median Annual Wage	NM Projected Job Growth
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics*	\$28,100	21%
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians *	\$29,800	15%
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$39,000	39%
Surgical Technologists (NM/AZ data)	\$32,800	37%
Respiratory Therapists*	\$51,000	20%
Registered Nurses (either AS*, BS degree)	\$62,800	24%
Dental Hygienists	\$75,500	24%

## & the Future

Requires bachelor degree or higher

	Median Annual Wage	Projected Job Growth
Medical & Public Health Social Workers	\$36,900	28%
Mental Health Counselors	\$46,400	17%
Physical Therapists	\$64,800	25%
Physician Assistants	\$65,400	22%
Pharmacists	\$106,600	26%

\* Education for this field offered at Santa Fe Community College

Source: U.S. Department of Labor Statistics 2009 wage data and 2008-2018 Employment Projections for New Mexico

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