In Demand Healthcare Careers

REGISTERED NURSE(RN)   LAB TECHNICIAN

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing(BSN), Associate's degree in Nursing (ADN) or Diploma from approved Nursing program.

Associate's degree or a postsecondary certificate.

IMPORTANT QUALITIES

- Critical-thinking skills
- Communication skills
- Compassion
- Detail oriented
- Emotional stability
- Organizational skills
- Physical stamina

- Ability to use technology
- Detail oriented
- Good dexterity
- Physical stamina

WHAT THEY DO

Patient care, maintain medical records, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support.

Medical laboratory technologists and medical laboratory technicians collect samples and perform tests to analyze body fluids, tissue, and other substances.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES $30.49 TO $44.53

Registered nurses are the largest healthcare occupation with over 29,000 openings expected in Minnesota over the next 10 years.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES $21.69 TO $32.32

Statewide Demand is Above Average with 2,800 openings expected in the next 10 years.

These jobs are in demand in Southwest and South Central Minnesota and these are SW/SC Minnesota Median wages. Data collected from Department of Employment and Economic Development.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

RN's work in hospitals, physicians' offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities. In close contact with people and may spend a lot of time on their feet and lifting.

About half of all medical laboratory technologists and technicians were employed in hospitals. Others worked in doctors' offices or diagnostic laboratories.

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