

Physician



What does a Physician do?

- Physicians diagnose and treat human illness, disease and injury.
- They perform analysis of patient histories, physical examinations, and interpretations of diagnostic tests.
- They help patients through life-threatening situations and severe illnesses.
- Physicians use accepted methods of medical treatment, including pharmaceutical agents and surgical procedures.

What kind of Education would I need?

- College degree followed by a four-year degree as a doctor of medicine (M.D.) or a doctor of osteopathy (D.O.) from an accredited school
- Pass an examination for state licensure from the Board of Medical Examiners as well as a National Medical Licensure Examination
- At least one year of supervised patient care training, called residency
- Resident needs at least three years of supervision after medical school to be recognized in a specialty. An in-depth examination is required at the end of the residency training in order to become certified by the board of examiners of the specialty.

Where would I work?

- Clinics
- Government health agencies
- Hospitals
- Medical and diagnostic laboratories
- Medical schools
- Public health departments
- Research institutes

Job Outlook?

Employment of physicians is projected to grow 17-25 percent from 2010 to 2022. Job growth will occur because of continued expansion of healthcare-related industries. The growing and aging population will drive overall growth in the demand for physician services.

Job prospects should be particularly good for Physicians willing to practice in rural and low-income areas. Job prospects will also be especially good for Physicians in specialties that afflict the rapidly growing elderly population.

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There are many specialties for physicians. Some examples are:

- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Surgery
- Radiology

Salary?

Physicians earn an average of \$235,765 per year!

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