Careers In Allied Health

What is Allied Health?

Allied health professions are clinical health care professions distinct from medicine, dentistry, and nursing. One estimate reported allied health professionals make up 60 percent of the total health workforce. They work in health care teams to make the health care system function by providing a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic and direct patient care and support services that are critical to the other health professionals they work with and the patients they serve.

Some occupational titles are:

- Anesthesia technician
- Audiologist
- Cardiographic technician
- Cardiovascular technologist
- Diagnostic medical sonographist
- Dietitian / Nutritionist
- Electrocardiogram technician
- Emergency medical technician
- Health information technician
- Kinesiotherapist
- Massage therapist
- Medical assistant
- Medical coder
- Medical laboratory technician
- Nuclear medicine technologist
- Occupational therapist
- Optometrist
- Orthotist / Prosthetist
- Paramedic
- Physical therapist
- Phlebotomist
- Radiation therapist
- Radiographer
- Respiratory therapist
- Speech and language pathologist
- Surgical technologist
- Recreational therapist
- Ultrasound technologist

To find a school in California:
California Community Colleges Statewide Health Occupations Directory
Browse by program or college:
www.ca-hwi.org/cccHealth/
The importance of finding a program that is accredited and why is it important?

Broadly speaking, accreditation is an effort to assess the quality of institutions, programs and services, measuring them against agreed-upon standards and thereby assuring that they meet those standards.

In the case of post-secondary education and training, there are two kinds of accreditation: institutional and programmatic (or specialized).

Institutional accreditation helps to assure potential students that a school is a sound institution and has met certain minimum standards in terms of administration, resources, faculty and facilities.

Programmatic (or specialized) accreditation examines specific schools or programs within an educational institution (e.g., the law school, the medical school, the nursing program). The standards by which these programs are measured have generally been developed by the professionals involved in each discipline and are intended to reflect what a person needs to know and be able to do to function successfully within that profession.

Accreditation in the health-related disciplines also serves a very important public interest. Along with certification and licensure, accreditation is a tool intended to help assure a well-prepared and qualified workforce providing health care services.

To find an accredited program:
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
www.caahep.org

Salary Information for Careers in Allied Health
From: www.healthdegrees.com/highest-paying-careers