

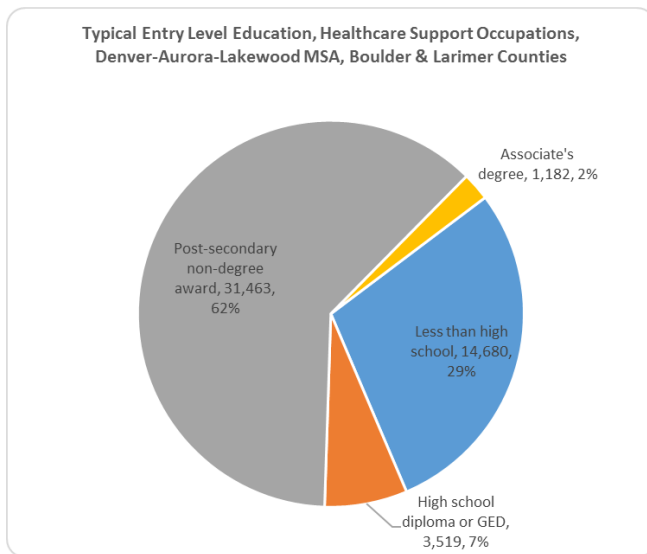
Career Pathways
Core Business Group
Healthcare Support Occupations

All industries are made up of three groups of people:

- The **core business group**, which produce the goods or provide the services
- The **business operations group**, which is charged with advertising, marketing, budgeting and sales
- The **administration & support** group, which performs tasks that support the core and business operations groups

Employment by Occupational Grouping, Colorado Central Planning Region					
SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	Change	Percent Change
31-1000	Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides	26,575	31,031	4,456	16.8%
31-2000	Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides	1,369	1,777	408	29.8%
31-9000	Other Healthcare Support Occupations	21,104	24,203	3,099	14.7%

Source: EMSI 2015.3 QCEW, Non-QCEW & Self-Employed Class of Worker



If someone is thinking about an entry level career in the rapidly growing healthcare sector, healthcare support occupations may be well worth considering. First, there are no healthcare support occupations that require a bachelor's degree, and one can be qualified for a substantial number of positions with a high school diploma or GED or less. The pie chart shows numbers and percentages in these occupations.

Healthcare support workers make up just under 3% of total employment in the region. Nearly all of these occupations are found in the healthcare sector.

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Healthcare Support Occupations, Denver-Aurora-Lakewood MSA, Boulder & Larimer Counties						
SOC	Description	2016 Jobs	2020 Jobs	2016 - 2020 Change	2016 - 2020 % Change	Typical Entry Level Education
31-1011	Home Health Aides	14,680	16,490	1,810	12.3%	Less than high school
31-1013	Psychiatric Aides	190	242	52	27.3%	High school diploma or equivalent
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	12,410	13,818	1,408	11.3%	Postsecondary non-degree award
31-1015	Orderlies	344	377	33	9.6%	High school diploma or equivalent
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	464	541	77	16.6%	Associate's degree
31-2012	Occupational Therapy Aides	38	53	15	39.8%	High school diploma or equivalent
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	718	856	138	19.2%	Associate's degree
31-2022	Physical Therapist Aides	241	319	78	32.3%	High school diploma or equivalent
31-9011	Massage Therapists	4,846	5,422	576	11.9%	Postsecondary non-degree award
31-9091	Dental Assistants	4,693	5,108	415	8.8%	Postsecondary non-degree award
31-9092	Medical Assistants	7,004	7,845	841	12.0%	Postsecondary non-degree award
31-9093	Medical Equipment Preparers	656	720	64	9.8%	High school diploma or equivalent
31-9094	Medical Transcriptionists	1,015	1,090	75	7.4%	Postsecondary non-degree award
31-9095	Pharmacy Aides	84	99	15	17.9%	High school diploma or equivalent
31-9096	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	639	724	85	13.3%	High school diploma or equivalent
31-9097	Phlebotomists	1,494	1,666	172	11.5%	Postsecondary non-degree award
31-9099	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	1,327	1,430	103	7.8%	High school diploma or equivalent
	Total	50,844	56,799	5,955	11.7%	

Source: EMSI 2016.1 QCEW, Non-QCEW & Self-Employed Class of Worker

Healthcare support occupations are in robust demand throughout the region, and employment in these occupations is expected to grow nearly 12% over the next five years. Persons who aspire to careers in healthcare support should be advised that there is currently a movement within the industry to boost the entry level educational requirement for physical therapist assistants to the bachelor's level.

How can I learn more about healthcare support career pathways?

Use the table below to access information on job descriptions, local wage information, training programs, credentials and apprenticeship opportunities. Simply click on each link for the information you need.

Occupation Information	Local Wage	Job Postings	Training Opportunities	Credentials	Apprenticeship Opportunities
Home Health Aides	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Psychiatric Aids	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Nursing Assistants	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Orderlies	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Occupational Therapist Assistants	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Occupational Therapist Aides	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Physical Therapist Assistants	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Physical Therapist Aides	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Massage Therapists	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Dental Assistants	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Medical Assistants	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
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Medical Transcriptionists	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Pharmacy Aides	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Phlebotomists	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship