

Allied Health Occupations

On the Agenda: Expanding a Skilled Workforce

The *Healthcare Workforce Partnership of Western Massachusetts* is using the region's success in nursing as a template for addressing shortages and skill gaps in allied health occupations.

The *Partnership*, with assistance from Commonwealth Corporation, analyzed labor market data and identified the priority allied health occupations. Priority occupations are defined as those employers find difficult to fill in the current environment and/or anticipate greater future need.

The *Partnership* is working toward a healthcare landscape that:

- Increases the pool of competent job seekers
- Formalizes the region's healthcare career ladders
- Provides career guidance to new and current healthcare workers
- Makes available additional skill and training opportunities
- Prepares job seekers for entry level positions
- Builds cultural competence for all stakeholders

Priority Occupations

- Certified Nursing Aides and Orderlies
- Community Health Workers
- Dental Assistants
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Health Educators
- Home Health Aides
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Medical Assistants
- Medical & Clinical Lab Technicians & Technologists
- Medical Interpreters & Translators
- Medical and Public Health Social Workers
- Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
- Occupational Therapists
- Occupational Therapist Assistants
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Physical Therapists
- Physical Therapist Assistants
- Physician Assistants
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Surgical Technologists
- Radiologic Technologists
- Respiratory Therapists

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