

Health Careers

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Health PEI is a large employer with over 4000 employees across the province in 26 community sites, 9 long-term care facilities, 8 addiction sites, 7 mental health sites, 7 hospitals and 5 primary-care networks.

The **Health Career Guide** provides key information on over 60 health career opportunities in Prince Edward Island. While the Guide focuses on careers with Health PEI, there is also information on many other rewarding career opportunities in the private and not-for-profit sectors. This document is meant to be a guide only and is not exhaustive. There are many other careers in the health field that are not listed, such as chefs, cooks, service workers, IT support, finance specialists and clerical/administrative roles, to name a few.

As a student, you may find this information valuable, as you determine your career path. There are many satisfying careers in the PEI health system and we encourage you to consider each of them as you explore the range of exciting opportunities available in Prince Edward Island.

Please use this information as a guide only; the post-secondary institutions are not all encompassing and may change. Salary figures are based on 2020 estimates. Please do your own research, using credible sources (e.g., professional associations, accredited educational institutions, speaking with a professional in the health system), to help determine areas you wish to explore further.

Please visit www.HealthJobsPEI.ca or contact the Recruitment and Retention Secretariat at 902-620-3872 for additional health career information.

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CANCER CARE

Cancer care in PEI is very person-centered, focusing on high quality, specialized care and well-being for individuals with cancer and their families. Involving education, treatment, symptomatic management and support, holistic cancer care requires the attention and expertise of many health care professionals that are described throughout this document.

MEDICAL DOSIMETRIST

A Dosimetrist has specialized skills for the planning of radiation oncology treatments through the use of computer software.

The Medical Dosimetrist, a member of the radiation oncology team with knowledge of the overall characteristics and clinical relevance of radiation treatment, is cognizant of techniques commonly used and has the education and expertise necessary to generate radiation dose distributions and dose calculations in collaboration with the medical physicist and radiation oncologist. The Medical Dosimetrist develops with further study and training beyond that of a radiation therapist.

approximate salary: \$91,000 - \$107,000

minimum academic requirements: The American Association of Medical Dosimetrists (also applies to Canada) lists several ways of qualification for the field of Medical Dosimetry, including combinations of university studies in science, radiation therapy and on-the-job training.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

Canadian Association of Radiation Technologists offers a Dosimetry Specialty Certificate Program. (Candidate must have a minimum of 2 years work experience post-certification as a radiation therapist.)

MEDICAL PHYSICIST

Medical Physicists work in an exciting and dynamic field utilizing physics and advanced technology in the field of medicine.

Medical Physicists, who specialize in radiation oncology, often work in cancer treatment facilities, such as the PEI Cancer Treatment Centre. Their role may include clinical service, research and development, radiation safety and teaching. Visit the “What is Medical Physics?” section of the Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists website at www.comp-ocpm.ca for further information.

approximate salary: \$115,000 - \$162,000

minimum academic requirements: Bachelor of Science in Physics, Master of Science in Physics (preferably Medical Physics), Doctorate in Biomedical Physics (optional) (preferably Medical Physics), 2 year residency in Medical Physics, Canadian College of Physicists in Medicine Certification or equivalent.

educational institute in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS

MEDICAL RADIATION THERAPIST

Radiation therapy is the use of ionizing radiation to treat patients with cancer. Advanced computer systems and radiation therapy equipment require the skills of a Medical Radiation Therapist to deliver radiation to treat cancer.

Radiation Therapists work collaboratively with the Radiation Oncologist to fulfill a prescription to deliver a precisely measured dose of radiation to a defined tumour volume. They provide ongoing clinical assessments, education and support to patients throughout their treatment.

approximate salary: \$79,000 - \$94,000

minimum academic requirements: Students are eligible to apply after completing a minimum of 1 year towards a science degree.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- University of New Brunswick, NB
- The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences jointly with the University of Toronto, ON
- The Michener Institute for Applied Health jointly with Laurentian University, ON



LINEAR ACCELERATOR TECHNOLOGIST

The Linear Accelerator Technologist supports the delivery of essential cancer treatment for Islanders and is responsible for the installation, repair, maintenance and service of the radiotherapy and other medical equipment in the PEI Cancer Treatment Centre.

In consultation with medical professionals, the Technologist determines level of service and minimizes equipment 'down time'. Technologists maintain precise service and repair records, including equipment recalls and advisories.

approximate salary: \$64,000 - \$81,000

minimum academic requirements: An Electronics Engineering Technologist diploma or diploma an Electronics Engineering Technology (Biomedical) from an accredited post-secondary institution is required. Upon hiring, there is a requirement for extensive training and certifications related to hospital specific equipment.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, AB
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC

PHYSICIST ASSISTANT

Working under the direction of a certified medical physicist, the Physicist Assistant is part of the cancer care team.

A Physicist Assistant applies scientific knowledge and technological skills to contribute to quality assurance of equipment and ongoing program development.

approximate salary: \$61,000 - \$77,000

minimum academic requirements: Bachelor of Science in Physics and Graduate Degree in Physics or related field.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- All universities in Atlantic Canada

The PEI Cancer Treatment Centre (PEICTC) is located at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Prince County Hospital Satellite Clinic. There are two types of cancer treatment available at the PEICTC – Medical Oncology Services and Radiation Oncology Services. The careers in this section focus on Radiation Oncology, while many other professions described in this document can specialize in cancer care. Cancer care is provided by a large and diverse multidisciplinary care team including specialists in the following areas: medical oncology, radiation oncology, family medicine, social work, spiritual care, nutrition, nursing, patient navigation, pharmacy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, epidemiology, health records, patient care coordination, clerical administration and volunteers.



CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

In the treatment of disease, the role of clinical laboratory science is essential to accurate diagnosis and treatment of the patient. Advances made in laboratory testing processes have provided greater clarity and more detailed information in determining the direction of treatments.

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST

Medical Laboratory Technologists perform a broad range of laboratory tests and investigations to assist physicians with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease on a variety of specimens including blood, urine and other body fluids and tissues.

The profession of Medical Laboratory Technology covers a number of specialties including: Histology, Clinical Chemistry, Hematology, Immunology, Transfusion Medicine and Microbiology.

approximate salary: \$55,000 - \$86,000

minimum academic requirements: Post-secondary studies in medical laboratory science - usually a 3 year program at the community college level.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- New Brunswick Community College, NB
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick, NB
- Université de Moncton, NB
- University of New Brunswick, NB
- Dalhousie University, NS
- Oulton College, NB

MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT

Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLAs) are part of the 'front line' laboratory staff members; they are often the first persons with whom patients and clients interact.

MLAs are specifically trained to provide support to the Medical Laboratory Technologist by carrying out phlebotomy procedures and assisting in the pre and post phases of the testing process. This includes: data entry, specimen collection, processing and sending reports.

approximate salary: \$45,000 - \$50,000

minimum academic requirements: A college diploma program in Medical Laboratory Assistant and certification by the Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Science is required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- New Brunswick Community College, NB
- Oulton College, NB
- College of the North Atlantic, NL

“ Medical Laboratory Technology is a rewarding career choice. ”

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST

COMBINED TECHNICIAN

Combined laboratory and x-ray technologists conduct routine medical laboratory tests, perform general radiography, and electrocardiograms, and operate and maintain related equipment.

approximate salary: \$52,000 - \$70,000

minimum academic requirements: Post-secondary studies in a 2 year Laboratory and X-ray certificate program.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, AB
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic, SK



CLINICAL CHEMIST

Clinical Chemists are PhD level scientists with specialized training in laboratory medicine.

The Clinical Chemist leads Health PEI's provincial clinical biochemistry program ensuring consistent high quality, accurate and precise biochemical test results are provided to support quality patient care. In addition to providing clinical advice to health care providers, the Clinical Chemist provides expert technical and scientific advice for laboratory staff across the province, and is responsible for ensuring that testing procedures comply with clinical and professional standards.

approximate salary: \$160,000 - \$190,000

minimum academic requirements: PhD and post-doctoral training in laboratory medicine with certification from the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemists.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- University of Toronto, ON
- McMaster University, ON
- University of Calgary, AB
- University of Alberta, AB
- University of Manitoba, MB



DENTAL CARE

There was a time when a trip to the Dentist was anticipated with trepidation and anxiety. Over the past century, new technology has changed visits to the Dentist into a painless and effective way to ensure a lifetime of excellent oral health.



DENTAL ASSISTANT

The primary role for the Dental Assistant is to assist the dentist at the chair side. As a member of the dental team, Dental Assistants provide clinical functions that include but are not limited to: providing information on preventing dental diseases, providing intra-oral care such as the application of fluoride to prevent tooth decay, taking radiographs, making dental impressions of the mouth and the sterilization of instruments in the dental office. Non-clinical functions of Dental Assistants include working at the front desk as receptionists, and in many practices, helping to manage the dental office.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$48,000

minimum academic requirements: Dental Assistants must complete a college dental assistant program.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Oulton College, NB
- Dental Assistants College of Saint John Inc., NB
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Cape Breton Business College, NS
- Keyin College, NL

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Dental Hygienists are professional licensed members of the oral health care team who provide dental hygiene treatment and focus on prevention of diseases and disorders of the teeth and mouth. These include, but are not limited to, treatment of gum diseases, application of fluoride and/or dental sealants to prevent tooth decay, scaling, polishing and oral health education. Dental Hygienists provide oral health education in community settings, especially to vulnerable population groups.

approximate salary: \$53,000 - \$65,000

minimum academic requirements: Diploma or university undergraduate degree in Dental Hygiene. A prerequisite for entering some of these programs is a minimum of 1 year of university study, with 3-credit university-level courses in Biology, Chemistry, and English.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- Oulton College, NB

“It’s a great job as a mother, good salary and flexible hours.”

DENTAL HYGIENIST

DENTIST

Dentists are experts in oral health and, leading the dental team in the delivery of dental services to individuals and the community. Dentists focus on education, diagnosis and treatment.

approximate salary: \$99,000 - \$124,000

minimum academic requirements: A 4-year Doctorate program in Dental Surgery. A bachelor's degree is required before acceptance into a dental program. Extraordinary students may be admitted to the program with 10 full-year academic classes at the undergraduate level.

educational institute in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS

“Dentistry is a great profession because it combines art and science. It is a very rewarding career!”

DENTIST





DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

The discovery of the X-ray more than a century ago created a revolution in medical diagnosis that has advanced appreciably in recent years. There are four diagnostic imaging specialties on Prince Edward Island including Radiological Technology, Magnetic Resonance Technologist, Nuclear Medicine Technologist and Sonographers.

Technologists/Sonographers become certified by passing national examinations and belonging to a provincial and/or national association. Technologists of the future may benefit from holding multiple modality certifications to align with the new equipment that vendors are innovating.

MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGIST

Covering the broadest spectrum of procedures and applications in diagnostic imaging, the Medical Radiation Technologist uses highly specialized equipment to perform a variety of imaging procedures.

The Medical Radiation Technologist profession covers a number of specialties including: static and fluoroscopic images (bones, chests, spines and barium procedures), mammography, angiography and computerized tomography (CT scans) and operating room procedures.

approximate salary: \$55,000 - \$77,000

minimum academic requirements: A degree or diploma in radiography and successful completion of the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists certification examination is required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- University of Prince Edward Island, PE
- CCNB Campbellton in partnership with the Université de Moncton, NB
- University of New Brunswick, NB
- Dalhousie University, NS
- College of the North Atlantic, NL

MAGNETIC RESONANCE TECHNOLOGIST

Further education beyond that required for a more traditional diagnostic imaging career can qualify a candidate as a Magnetic Resonance Technologist; however, some educational programs focus solely on Magnetic Resonance Technology. A Magnetic Resonance Technologist works in an evolving field using magnetism, radio waves and computers to acquire cross-sectional images of the body. Standard imaging now includes breast imaging, cardiac and pediatric specialties.

approximate salary: \$58,000 - \$73,000

minimum academic requirements: To enter a Magnetic Resonance Imaging program, candidates typically must be a registered technologist in Medical Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy or Sonography. Training consists of classroom and clinical experience for up to 12 months. An exception is the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology where students can apply directly from high school to a 2-year diploma program in Magnetic Resonance. Successful completion of the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologist certification examination is required.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences, ON (Distance Education)
- Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology, MB
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, AB
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC (Distance Education)
- Dalhousie University, NS
- Fanshawe College, ON
- Cambrian College, ON

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST

Diagnostic imaging and some treatment procedures are covered under the specialization of Nuclear Medicine Technologist.

Nuclear Medicine Technologists carry out specific diagnostic imaging and treatment procedures. They prepare and administer radiopharmaceuticals, use gamma camera and SPECT (hybrid imaging) technology to diagnose and manage diseases such as cancer, heart and thyroid disorders.

approximate salary: \$58,000 - \$73,000

minimum academic requirements: Degree or diploma in nuclear medicine is required and successful completion of the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologist certification examination.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences/University of Toronto, ON
- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Polytechnic, AB
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC
- Collège Ahuntsic, QC

SONOGRAPHER

Understanding and capturing images of internal organs and tissues is acquired through the specialized training of a Sonographer.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers use sound waves (ultrasound) to create images that will assist in the diagnosis and treatment of the cardiovascular system, digestive tract, and aid in the monitoring of pregnancies. Specialized procedures such as biopsies of the breast, prostate and other organs are performed in ultrasound.

approximate salary: \$62,000 - \$78,000

minimum academic requirements: Diploma or degree and successful completion of Sonography Canada examination.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- College of the North Atlantic, NL (Post Diploma)

Medical Physicists specializing in Diagnostic Imaging utilize physics and specialized technology to help diagnose and treat diseases. Medical Physicists are responsible for the quality of diagnostic images, radiation safety of equipment, workers and the public. Visit the Canadian Association of Medical Physicists for more information www.comp-ocpm.ca

HEALTH INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Analyzing and reporting information, managing records, coordinating treatment schedules and managing the administrative elements of our health care system are the career options that fall under the heading of health information and communication.



HEALTH INFORMATION SPECIALIST

The primary mandate of a Health Information Specialist is to collect, analyze and report on health care data in order to support decision-making.

Health Information Specialists are comprised of a variety of disciplines who concentrate on working with health care delivery personnel on the identification of relevant quality and outcome indicators; the development of measurement tools; the selection of appropriate data collection methodologies, the analysis of health-related information; reports and trend lines. Health Information Specialists work closely with key stakeholders to foster knowledge dissemination and to support managerial decisions with relevant information on a wide variety of health care priorities.

approximate salary: \$64,000 - \$81,000

minimum academic requirements: A degree in health or social sciences, supplemented by course work in analytics, research techniques and data validation processes is required. A master's degree is preferable.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

There are a variety of universities in Atlantic Canada that offer programs in health and social sciences. A student considering the profession of Health Information Specialist may wish to find out which university and program most appeals to his/her own interest.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL

Health Information Management professionals, also known as coders, collect information from patient charts, such as diagnosis and interventions, and select the corresponding ICD-10 CA and CCI codes, validate data collected, create reports for unit managers and generate monthly statistical reports to ensure data quality. They provide advice, leadership and guidance to health care programs and services for managing recorded information in all physical and electronic formats in accordance with relevant legislation, regulations and established best-practices.

approximate salary: \$52,000 - \$65,000

minimum academic requirements: Completion of a recognized Health Information Program and certification by the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIM) is required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Nova Scotia Community College, NS

Numerous distance programs are offered, including HealthCareCAN/CHA Learning and McMaster University.

"If you want to work in health care, but don't want to be around blood and you're detailed oriented and like to figure things out (like a detective), the HIM profession is for you! Combing through information and following Canadian coding standards is very rewarding work. When I hear media reports using statistics to inform the public of health issues and risks, I realize how important my job is."

**HEALTH INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL**

HEALTH UNIT COORDINATOR / WARD CLERK

Health Unit Coordinators coordinate the activities and documentation for patients on the ward (unit) with other services and departments in the hospital or health care facility.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$46,000

minimum academic requirements: Completion of a 1 or 2 year college program or other specialized courses for secretaries or medical secretaries.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Academy of Learning, PE
- Eastern College, NS & NB
- Keyin College, NL

There are a variety of clerical and administrative type positions within the health care system. If a career in administrative work is of interest to you, we encourage you to explore the opportunities available in a variety of settings within the health system, such as finance, purchasing, nutrition, nursing, booking and scheduling, to name a few. A number of educational institutions offer various training programs that will put you on the right path to a successful career.

MEDICAL SECRETARY

An understanding of medical terminology is essential for Medical Secretaries who are responsible for performing a variety of administrative duties, such as transcribing medical reports, booking appointments, transcribing physician orders, preparing correspondence and maintaining administrative and electronic files.

Medical Secretaries work in a variety of roles in many settings including: clinics, hospitals, primary care centres, physician offices and other medical settings.

approximate salary: \$45,000 - \$51,000

minimum academic requirements: Completion of post-secondary 1-2-year college program for secretaries/medical secretaries with medical terminology course and an on the job training component is required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Academy of Learning College, PE
- Holland College, PE
- New Brunswick Community College, NB
- Oulton College, NB
- Keyin College, NL
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Eastern College, NB & NS

MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Like our physical health, our mental health and well being may require professional attention. Significant advances in this field of health care have created several rewarding career opportunities.



ADDICTION COUNSELLOR

Many Islanders who struggle with problematic substance use and addiction require the skills of qualified Addiction Counsellors. They work with individuals who are experiencing problematic substance use and addiction as well as their family members who are negatively impacted by problematic substance use and addiction.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$60,000

minimum academic requirements: Undergraduate degree in Psychology, Social Work or a related field. Certification in Addiction Counselling is an asset.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

Many schools in Atlantic Canada offer various programs in health and social service related fields that can lead to a career in addiction counselling, for example:

- University of Prince Edward Island, PE
- St. Thomas University, NB
- Dalhousie University, NS
- Memorial University, NL

ADDICTION WORKER

Addiction Workers are part of the multi-disciplinary team providing in-patient and out-patient withdrawal management supports and services across the province. They can also work in extended care residences where they provide a safe, home-like and therapeutic environment.

approximate salary: \$41,000 - \$43,000

minimum academic requirements: Successful completion of a Resident Care Worker or Licensed Practical Nurse Program or equivalent post-secondary training/education is required.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Collège de l'Île, PE
- Marguerite Connolly Training and Consulting, PE
- Oulton College, NB
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Community College of New Brunswick, NB
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Eastern College, NB & NS
- Cape Breton Business College, NS
- Université Sainte-Anne, NS

HOME SUPPORT WORKER

Home Support Workers help home care clients to remain in their own homes and community as long as possible. By providing personal care, respite services, and assistance with household tasks, Home Support Workers, work independently and are an integral part of the interdisciplinary home care team. They work closely with clients and their family and community supports.

approximate salary: \$ 44,000 - \$45,000

minimum academic requirements: Successful completion of Licensed Practical Nursing Program or Resident Care Worker Program or equivalent training.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Marguerite Connolly Training and Consulting, PE
- Eastern College, NB & NS
- Collège de l'Île, PE
- Oulton College, NB
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Community College of New Brunswick, NB
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Université Sainte-Anne, NS

PSYCHOLOGIST

Psychologists study the behavior, emotions and thinking processes of humans to better understand their behavior and provide assessment and treatment for mental health disorders. A Psychologist studies these processes from an evidence-based viewpoint. A Clinical Psychologist is licensed to provide assessment, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of human problems.

Psychologists work with individuals, families, groups and organizations in government and in the private sector. Some Psychologists focus on research, while most practice in clinics, hospitals, schools, correctional facilities and private offices.

approximate salary: \$78,000 - \$122,000

minimum academic requirements: In Prince Edward Island, Clinical Psychologists must hold a Doctorate degree in Psychology, complete with two years of supervised practice and written and oral examinations.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

The University of Prince Edward Island offers an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Doctorate in Psychology program (PsyD). Many university psychology departments offer doctorate degrees and they differ in terms of study opportunities. Dalhousie University, Memorial University, the University of New Brunswick and the Université de Moncton offer accredited PhD Programs in Clinical Psychology.

SOCIAL WORKER

Social Workers are professionals who believe in the social justice, human rights, dignity and worth of all people.

Social Workers work with individuals, families, groups and communities to empower them in the development of skills, resources, and supports to maximize their potential. They work in a variety of settings such as child protection services, schools, hospitals, addiction and mental health services and homecare. Child Protection provides the greatest employment opportunities within the social work field in PEI.

approximate salary: \$53,000 - \$87,000

minimum academic requirements: A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) is the entry level qualification and a Master of Social Work (MSW) may be necessary for some positions. Some university social work programs require an undergraduate degree or university courses prior to applying to a BSW program.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- St. Thomas University, NB
- Dalhousie University, NS
- Memorial University, NL
- Université de Moncton, NB
- Université Saint-Anne, NS in partnership with Laurentian University, ON

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 321 Registered Social Workers employed on Prince Edward Island.

YOUTH WORKER

Youth Workers support change and personal growth in children, youth and young adults through modeling, coaching and teaching.

Youth Workers are employed in mental health care settings, hospitals, residential programs and addiction services, with responsibility for supporting youth to improve coping skills, social skills, and behavior management. Often working collaboratively as part of an interdisciplinary team, they are an integral part of the comprehensive treatment plan.

approximate salary: \$48,000 - \$62,000

minimum academic requirements: 1-2-year college program in youth services or a degree in a social science discipline.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Eastern College, NS & NB
- University of Prince Edward Island and all universities in Atlantic Canada
- Collège de l'Île, PE
- Oulton College, NB
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS

“Being a youth worker is a great profession because you deal with young people every day, and dealing with young people keeps you young at heart.”

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER

Social Service Workers are employed in a variety of settings including addiction services, community residential settings and institutional psychiatric care facilities.

As part of multi-disciplinary teams, Social Service Workers complete assessments and develop case plans, implement behavior management strategies and provide family-based care, supervision, counseling, education and group rehabilitation services. The roles and responsibilities of Social Service Workers vary based on the place of employment.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$76,000

minimum academic requirements: A degree in social science (e.g., Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Criminology etc.) or successful completion of a community college program in a related field is required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- All universities in Atlantic Canada
- Holland College, PE
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Oulton College, NB
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Eastern College, NB & NS

DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Development Workers are trained to provide care to meet the needs of young adults with moderate to severe developmental and physical disabilities who live in a group setting. Working as part of multi-disciplinary team, Development Workers meet physical, social and recreational needs of individual residents and liaise with families.

approximate salary: \$48,000 - \$65,000

minimum academic requirements: College Program in Human Services or Special Education.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Island Career Academy, NS
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Oulton College, NB
- Université Saint-Anne, NS
- Collège de l'Île, PE



NURSING & NURSING SUPPORT SERVICES

The nursing profession partners and collaborates with other health care providers to deliver effective health care to Islanders. The careers that fall under the general term nursing & nursing support services fulfill the increasing need for specialized skills to support the delivery of high-quality health care in Prince Edward Island.

NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP)

Nurse Practitioners are Registered Nurses with advanced education. They have the knowledge and skill to diagnose and treat illnesses and help manage health concerns. NP's manage chronic disease by educating patients, prescribing medication and ordering and interpreting tests. NP's work autonomously and collaboratively with interdisciplinary teams and perform specific procedures within their scope of practice.

Nurse Practitioners work in a variety of settings (e.g., primary care, long term care, mental health and addictions, geriatric programs, hospitals etc.)

approximate salary: \$97,000 - \$113,000

minimum academic requirements: After receiving a baccalaureate in nursing, a Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner and a passing score on the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Exam is required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- University of Prince Edward Island, PE
- Dalhousie University, NS
- Memorial University, NL
- University of New Brunswick (Fredericton and Saint John), NB
- Université de Moncton, NB

REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

The Registered Nurse is a central member of the health care team who provides comprehensive holistic nursing care to meet the needs of individuals and families. RN's are self-regulated health care professionals who work autonomously and in collaboration with others to enable individuals, families, groups, communities and populations to achieve their optimal level of health. At all stages of life, in situations of health, illness, injury and disability, RNs deliver direct health care services, coordinate care and support clients in managing their own health. They contribute to the health care system through their leadership across a wide range of settings in practice, education, administration, research and policy.

Clinical practice - hospitals, long term care facilities, primary care, home care, public health, school well-being teams, mental health and addictions, health informatics, etc.

Education - academic and clinical areas such as universities, colleges, hospitals, long term care facilities, etc.

Administration - academic and practice areas as directors, managers, supervisors, clinical leaders, clinical educators, etc.

Research and policy - academic areas such as universities and in organizations within corporate services and administration, etc.

approximate salary: \$65,000 - \$95,000

minimum academic requirements: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) or Bachelor of Nursing (BN) with a passing score on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- University of Prince Edward Island, PE
- University of New Brunswick, NB
- Université de Moncton, NB
- Dalhousie University, NS
- Cape Breton University, NS
- St. Francis Xavier University, NS
- Memorial University, NL

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPNs) are trained in the theory and practice of nursing and become registered following confirmation they meet provincial licensing requirements. In accordance with Standards of Practice, LPNs provide nursing care to individuals, families and groups. They study from the same body of nursing knowledge as RNs, with a focus on foundational knowledge. Through their initial education, LPNs develop the knowledge, skill, judgment and ability to contribute in all phases of the continuum of care from prevention to acute treatment and palliative care. LPNs in PEI work under the direction of an RN or other duly qualified health care practitioner when performing reserved activities and they assume full responsibility for their own practice. LPNs work in a variety of health care and educational settings in the health system such as hospitals, long term care, mental health and addictions, home care and primary care.

approximate salary: \$48,000 - \$52,000

minimum academic requirements: Successful completion of a Canadian Practical Nursing program and passing the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination (national entrance examination). Students should have strong numeracy, literacy and time management skills.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Oulton College, NB
- Collège de l'Île, PE
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- New Brunswick Community College, NB
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Université Saint-Anne, NS

RESIDENT CARE WORKER (RCW)/ PATIENT CARE WORKER (PCW)

Resident Care Workers (RCWs) and Patient Care Workers (PCWs) are members of a collaborative, interdisciplinary health care team responsible for providing physical, emotional, psychological and social care to residents and patients under the supervision of RNs or LPNs. This includes assisting with activities of daily living and ensuring residents/patients comfort and safety.

RCWs and PCWs are responsible and accountable for the tasks and support functions assigned to them under the supervision of an RN or LPN. RCWs and PCWs work in long term care, hospitals, home care and mental health and addiction services.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$46,000

minimum academic requirements: Completion of a relevant college or private institution training program.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Marguerite Connolly Training and Consulting, PE
- Collège de l'Île, PE
- Eastern College, NS & NB
- New Brunswick Community College, NB
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Cape Breton Business College, NS
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Université Sainte-Anne, NS

The Resident Care Worker/Patient Care Worker role in other provinces has different titles. For example, in Nova Scotia they are Continuing Care Attendants, in New Brunswick they are Personal Support Workers and in Newfoundland and Labrador they are called Personal Care Attendants.

NUTRITION

Registered Dietitians are experts in nutrition that play a vital role in promoting healthy eating and preventing and managing chronic disease within the health care sector. Food Service Supervisors are professionals who ensure that the food provided in health care facilities meets the nutritional needs of patients, residents and staff.



REGISTERED DIETITIAN

A Registered Dietitian uses the science of nutrition to help people make healthy food choices to both promote health and prevent and/or treat disease.

Dietitians work in a variety of settings including health care facilities, government, food service, private practice, grocery stores, food industry and universities. Registered Dietitian roles include assessing nutrition needs of clients/patients, counselling patients, developing food and nutrition programs and policies to improve community health, managing food production and distribution, and conducting research. The dietetics profession is growing rapidly in response to an increasing recognition of the important role of nutrition in health and disease, escalating rates of obesity and chronic disease and an aging population.

approximate salary: \$59,000 - \$74,000

minimum academic requirements: Bachelor of Science majoring in Foods and Nutrition and accredited Dietetic Internship Program.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- University of Prince Edward Island, PE - Department of Applied Human Sciences, Integrated Dietetic Internship Program (4.5 year program)
- Université de Moncton, NB
- Mount Saint Vincent University, NS
- St. Francis Xavier University, NS
- Acadia University, NS

FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR

A Food Service Supervisor is responsible for the supervision of staff related to the preparation, serving and delivery of meals, as well as assisting with the implementation of diet orders and menu completion.

A Food Service Supervisor in the health care field will usually work in a hospital or long-term care setting and depending on the size of the facility may have direct responsibility of the Nutrition Services Department or receive direction from a dietitian. Supervisors are involved in the planning of meals in accordance with nutrition needs of the patient/client while ensuring that safe and sanitary work procedures are followed.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$62,000

minimum academic requirements: A Food Services Supervisor Course from an accredited institution or a Bachelor of Science majoring in Foods and Nutrition.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

The Food Service Supervisor Course is offered by:

- Langara College, BC
- Humber College, ON (available by distance)

Universities offering a Bachelor of Science majoring in foods and nutrition:

- University of Prince Edward Island, PE
- University of Guelph, ON
- Université de Moncton, NB
- Mount Saint Vincent University, NS
- St. Francis Xavier University, NS
- Acadia University, NS



PHARMACY

Pharmacy is responsible for the procurement, storage and distribution of medications while ensuring the safe and appropriate use of medications.

PHARMACIST

Partnering with medical professionals, Pharmacists provide drug therapy and drug information to improve the health of patients. They compound, dispense and assess the appropriateness of pharmaceuticals and other health care products, and provide consultative services to both clients and health care providers in community, hospital, industry and government settings. The profession is expanding its scope into prescribing, adjusting doses based on laboratory tests, administering immunizations and more.

approximate salary: \$98,000 - \$122,000

minimum academic requirements: A 4-year undergraduate entry-to-practice Doctor of Pharmacy program is required. A minimum of two years of university prerequisite courses are required before being accepted into a pharmacy program. Pharmacists must pass a national certification examination and a provincial legal examination to practice in PEI.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- Memorial University, NL
- Université Laval, QC
- Université de Montréal, QC

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Pharmacy Technicians, a newly regulated profession in PEI, assist pharmacists with the technical aspects of pharmacy practice. In collaboration with pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians are responsible for compounding, preparing, labeling and distributing pharmaceutical products, maintaining prescription records and medication inventories and ensuring the safety and quality of pharmaceutical products.

approximate salary: \$49,000 - \$57,000

minimum academic requirements: Recognized college diploma program and successful completion of a national examination and provincial legal examination.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- New Brunswick Community College, NB
- Oulton College, NB
- Keyin College, NL
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- Eastern College, NS

Legislation authorizes Pharmacy Technicians to be a regulated health profession in the province. Registered Pharmacy Technicians play an important role in the technical aspects of the practice of pharmacy and support pharmacists to provide comprehensive care to the public.



PHYSICIANS

Medical physicians are professionals who practice medicine in promoting, maintaining or restoring health. They diagnose and treat patients to recovery or effective management of an ongoing condition.



FAMILY PHYSICIAN

More often than not, primary care begins in the office of the Family Physician. In many cases, this professional is the central health care manager in the referral process of the physician-patient partnership.

Family Physicians diagnose and treat the diseases, physiological disorders and injuries of patients.

approximate salary: Base salary of \$150,000

minimum academic requirements: A bachelor's degree is recommended prior to applying into a medical program. After graduating from an approved medical school, 2 years of family medicine residency training is required. Completion of the qualifying examinations of the Medical Council of Canada and licensing by the provincial authority are required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- Memorial University, NL

“There is a lot of good support from specialists in the medical community here in PEI and there's scope to broaden my skills. I find this a hugely rewarding part of my job.”

FAMILY PHYSICIAN

SPECIALIST PHYSICIAN

On the other side of the referral process from the family physician is the Specialist Physician who specializes in specific organs and systems of the body.

approximate salary: Base salary of \$208,000

minimum academic requirements: A bachelor's degree is strongly recommended prior to applying to a medical program at an accredited university. After graduation from an approved medical school, specific specialty training ranging from 4 - 6 years in length, depending on the specialty area, is required.

educational institutes in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- Memorial University, NL

Below is a list of specialists on Prince Edward Island:

- Addictionologist
- Anesthetist
- Chief Health Officer
- Dermatologist
- Emergency Medicine
- Geriatric Medicine
- Hematopathologist
- Hospitalist
- Internist
- Medical Microbiologist
- Medical Oncologist
- Neonatologist
- Neurologist
- Obstetrician/
Gynecologist
- Ophthalmologist
- Orthopedic Surgeon
- Otolaryngologist
- (Ears, Nose and Throat)
- Pain Management
- Palliative Care Medicine
- Pathologist
- Pediatrician
- Physiatrist
- Plastic Surgeon
- Psychiatrist
- Radiation Oncologist
- Radiologist
- Surgeon
- Urologist
- Vascular Surgeon

SPECIAL TECHNOLOGIES, SERVICES & SUPPORTS

This category includes those professions that provide a specialized service within the health care sector of Prince Edward Island.



ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM (EEG) TECHNOLOGIST

The documentation and evaluation of impulsive and evoked electrical activity from the brain and its nervous system requires the expertise of a trained EEG Technologist.

Electroencephalogram (EEG) Technologists use sensitive electronic diagnostic equipment to document and evaluate the electrical activity of the brain and nervous system. This information is then used by physicians to diagnose diseases, injuries and abnormalities.

approximate salary: \$56,000 - \$71,000

minimum academic requirements: College diploma in Electroneurophysiology. Certification is required in PEI, which can be obtained by successfully completing the Canadian Board of Registration of Electroencephalograph Technologists, Inc. (C.B.R.E.T. Inc.) written and practical examinations. Visit the C.B.R.E.T. Inc. website for additional academic requirements.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC

ELECTROMYOGRAPHY (EMG) TECHNOLOGIST

Physicians use the expertise of an Electromyography Technologist to understand the electrical activity of the muscles and nervous system.

Electromyography (EMG) Technologists use electronic diagnostic equipment to test the electrical activity of a patient's muscles and nerves.

approximate salary: \$56,000 - \$71,000

minimum academic requirements: College diploma in Electroneurophysiology. Certification is required in PEI, which can be obtained by successfully completing the Board of Registration of EMG Technologists of Canada written and practical examinations.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC
- Collège Ahuntsic, QC

“ *Doing EEG testing is very interesting and challenging as every patient is different and you never know what to expect. Very challenging and rewarding.* ”

EEG TECHNOLOGIST

CARDIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST

A Registered Cardiology Technologist is educated and skilled in the applied science of performing cardiac testing, ambulatory monitoring and evaluating the human heart and its function. The Cardiology Technologists works with other health care professionals involved in the diagnostic testing, monitoring, and evaluation of heart function.

The Cardiology Technologist may use a variety of electronic monitoring equipment for:

- Electrocardiography
- Exercise tolerance testing/ stress test
- Holter monitor analysis
- Arrhythmia monitor analysis
- Pacemaker clinics
- Blood pressure analysis

approximate salary: \$49,000 - \$55,000

minimum academic requirements: Completion of a 1 year diploma program; registration with the Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists (CSCT).

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

Canadian Society of Cardiology approved programs include:

- Anderson College, ON
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC (distance program)
- Community College of New Brunswick, NB
- Mohawk College, ON
- St. Clair College, ON
- Stenberg College, BC (distance program)
- Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology, BC

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER (CERTIFIED PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR)

Growing awareness of how the environment in which we live, work and play impacts the health of the population has resulted in new and exciting opportunities in the field of environmental and public health.

Environmental Health Officers (EHO's), also known as public health inspectors, have career opportunities in the private sector, in public policy and academia. EHO's promote and protect the health and safety of the public by educating workers and the public on safe food handling techniques, conducting risk assessments, consultations, outbreak investigations and inspections in public and private services and facilities, such as restaurants, swimming pools, child care and long term care facilities.

approximate salary: \$53,000 - \$66,000

minimum academic requirements: Typically a 4 year Bachelor Degree in Environmental/Public Health is required. A 2-year fast track degree is often an option if the candidate already has a Bachelor's Degree in a related field. Successfully obtaining national certification by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors is a requirement. Information on this can be found at www.ciphi.ca

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- Cape Breton University, NS
- Ryerson University, ON
- Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, ON
- Concordia University College of Edmonton, AB
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC
- First Nations University of Canada, SK

CERTIFIED PROSTHETIST/ CERTIFIED ORTHOTIST

Certified Orthotists design, fabricate and fit many types of orthotic devices (braces) used to support or correct the function of a limb or torso, while Certified Prosthetists design, fabricate and fit various types of prosthetic devices (artificial limbs) to replace missing limbs or those too damaged to repair.

Certified Prosthetists and Certified Orthotists work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers or private facilities.

approximate salary: \$70,000 - \$88,000

minimum academic requirements: A 2 year post graduate college program and a 22-month internship. Many programs require applicants to have a science or health related undergraduate degree.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- George Brown College, ON
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC

REGISTERED PROSTHETIC-ORTHOTIC TECHNICIAN

Registered Prosthetic-Orthotic Technicians work in collaboration with a Certified Prosthetist or Certified Orthotist to design and fabricate various prosthetic (artificial limbs) and orthotic (braces) devices. They are employed in hospitals, rehabilitation centres or private facilities.

approximate salary: \$55,000 - \$70,000

minimum academic requirements: A 2 year college diploma program. Graduates are eligible to write the national registration exam after working in the profession for 2 years under the supervision of a certified practitioner.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- George Brown College, ON

“Working in prosthetics can be very rewarding. It’s an amazing feeling when you get to see someone walk again for the first time after losing a limb on a device that you were able to make for them.”

CERTIFIED PROSTHETIST

ORTHOPEDIC TECHNOLOGIST

Orthopedic Technologists are medically trained individuals who work under the direction of physician specialists, i.e. orthopedic, plastic and vascular surgeons, emergency physicians and physiatrists. They are experts in plaster and synthetic cast application and are responsible for instructing patients on this form of treatment. Orthopedic Technologists provide care to patients with orthopedic problems through the application, adjustment and removal of a variety of casts, splints and traction fittings.

Orthopedic Technologists perform casting services primarily in hospital fracture /orthopedic ambulatory clinics; duties can vary from one place of employment to another.

approximate salary: \$48,000 - \$54,000

minimum academic requirements: Must have certification from recognized school of Orthopedic Technology and the school must be endorsed by the Canadian Society of Orthopedic Technologists (CSOT).

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

Students can register with the Canadian Society of Orthopedic Technologists (CSOT), and use self-directed learning through a mentoring program with a Certified Orthopedic Technologist currently employed in a hospital. Once 850 hours of mentoring have been logged, the student can apply to write the CSOT exams and complete the clinical component for certification.

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIST

Biomedical Engineering Technologists fill an important role in the selection and maintenance of all equipment that is used in the diagnosis and treatment of patients within Health PEI facilities.

approximate salary: \$56,000 - \$72,000

minimum academic requirements: Diploma in Electronics Engineering Technology (Biomedical) from an accredited post-secondary institution. Certification from the Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists of Prince Edward Island is required.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, AB
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, BC

MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING TECHNICIAN

Medical Device Reprocessing Technicians ensure that instruments used by all medical personnel in a hospital or other healthcare facility are disinfected and sterile. This includes cleaning and disinfection of instrumentation/reusable medical devices, prior to sterilization. The Technician monitors the sterilization process, inspects instrumentation for defects, assembles trays, tests autoclaves, orders supplies, and ensures that sterile supplies are safe for patient use.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$49,000

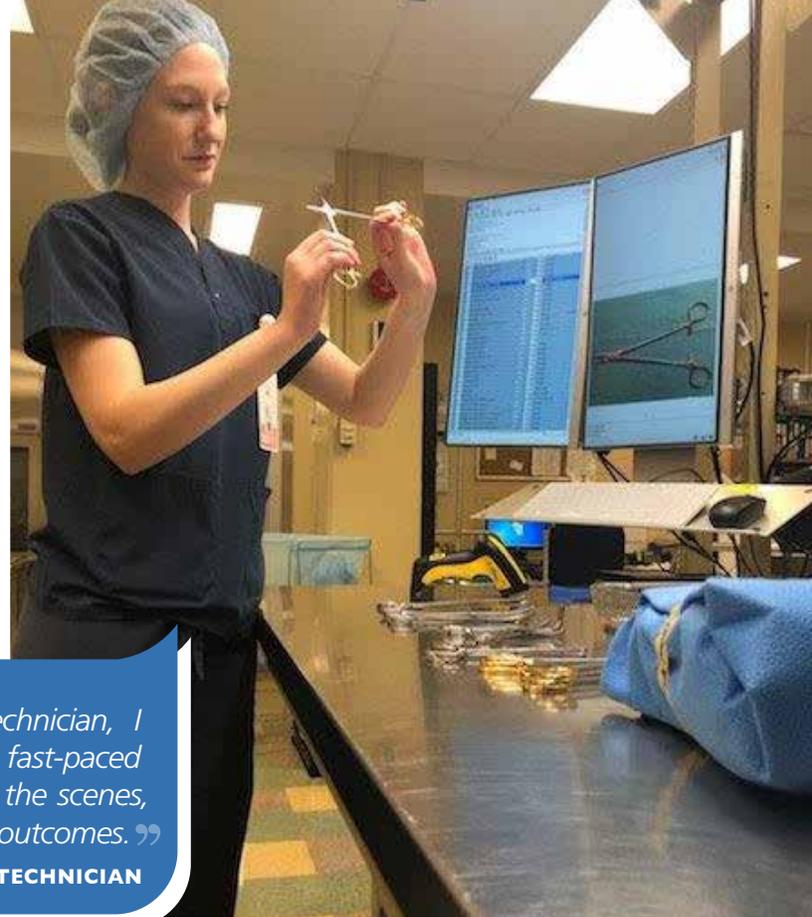
minimum academic requirements: Certificate in Medical Device Reprocessing which contains work-based learning component from an accredited college. In addition, there is a mandatory practicum at PEI hospitals.

educational institutes in canada offering a program:

- Saskatchewan Polytechnic, SK
- Vancouver Community College, BC
- Vancouver Island University, BC
- Algonquin College, ON

“As a Medical Device Reprocessing Technician, I am responsible and work hard in a fast-paced environment. Although I work behind the scenes, my role is important for positive patient outcomes.”

MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING TECHNICIAN





THERAPY

This section includes a wide range of specialized and skilled professional careers that are integral to the health care system.

AUDIOLOGIST

Audiologists are hearing health professionals who identify, diagnose and manage individuals with hearing loss.

Audiologists are skilled in use of technology to support persons living with hearing loss. As highly skilled professionals, Audiologists are qualified to assess, diagnose and treat a broad range of hearing problems in infants, children and adults. Audiologists can help with hearing disorders, hearing aids, assistive listening devices, auditory processing disorders, balance problems and sensitivities to certain sounds.

approximate salary: \$70,000 - \$87,000

minimum academic requirements: Audiologists require a Master of Audiology that includes a supervised clinical placement. Many programs require volunteer and/or observation of Audiology services prior to application.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- University of British Columbia, BC
- University of Ottawa, ON (French)
- University of Western Ontario, ON
- Université de Montréal, QC

More information about becoming an audiologist can be found at www.sac-oac.ca/

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Occupational Therapists work with individuals to help maintain or improve their ability to participate in activities that are important to them. Occupational Therapists view “occupation” as everything you do to occupy your day, such as: self-care activities (bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming, cooking), leisure activities (hobbies, sports, social activities), and productive activities (paid or unpaid work, housework, school).

Examples of how Occupational Therapists help their clients include: making equipment recommendations to increase safety and independence in their home; performing assessments and providing recommendations to assist preschoolers and school age children in attaining age appropriate skills; teaching clients new ways to cope with stress; performing cognitive and perceptual assessments and developing retraining programs for clients following a neurological event; and teaching clients new ways of doing things following an injury.

approximate salary: \$63,000 - \$87,000

minimum academic requirements: Master of Occupational Therapy is required.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, QC
- University of Ottawa, ON (French)

For information on other accredited programs:

<https://www.caot.ca/site/accred/otprograms?nav=sidebar>

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Improving and restoring physical condition and mobility falls under the mandate of the Physiotherapist.

Physiotherapists assess, diagnose and treat symptoms of illness, injury and disability through a combination of specialized hands on clinical skills and an extensive knowledge of the body. Physiotherapists provide education, prescribe individualized therapeutic exercise programs and implement physical treatment techniques to maintain, improve or restore strength, function and movement, alleviate pain, and prevent physical dysfunction in patients.

approximate salary: \$63,000 - \$87,000

minimum academic requirements: Master of Physiotherapy is required.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- Université de Sherbrooke, QC
- University of Ottawa, ON (French)

For information on other accredited programs: <https://www.peac-aepc.ca/english/accreditation/programs-with-accreditation-status.php>

“It’s exciting to watch your patient’s progress and know you have played a role in their recovery. You have a sense of fulfillment every time your patient/client achieves a functional goal... like standing or walking again for the first time.”

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY/ PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSISTANT

Working under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist, the Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Assistant (OT/PT Assistant) works directly with individuals whose ability to function and adapt is impaired or compromised. The OT/PT Assistant implements treatment plans to help patients/clients to reach their treatment and functional goals and resume their routines of daily living. OT/PT Assistants, sometimes called rehabilitation assistants, therapist assistants or rehabilitation therapy assistants, work in hospitals, long term care facilities, rehabilitation centres and private clinics.

approximate salary: \$48,000 - \$52,000

minimum academic requirements: Diploma from a recognized Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy or Rehabilitation Assistant.

educational institute in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- Nova Scotia Community College, NS
- College of the North Atlantic, NL
- Université Sainte-Anne, NS
- Eastern College, NS & NB

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

A Respiratory Therapist assists patients with their breathing.

Respiratory Therapists work with physicians and other health care professionals in the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with respiratory and associated disorders.

approximate salary: \$58,000 - \$81,000

minimum academic requirements: 3 year diploma program or 4 year bachelor degree.

educational institute in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- University of New Brunswick, NB
- New Brunswick Community College, NB
- Université de Moncton in partnership with the New Brunswick Community College, NB

There are Respiratory Therapy programs offered in most Canadian provinces.

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

Speech-Language Pathologists are professionals who specialize in the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of communication, voice and swallowing disorders.

approximate salary: \$70,000 - \$92,000

minimum academic requirements: Master of Speech Language Pathology is required.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

Speech-Language programs are offered at 12 educational schools in Canada, including:

- Dalhousie University, NS
- McGill University, QC
- University of British Columbia, BC
- University of Western Ontario, ON
- University of Ottawa, ON (French)
- Université de Montréal, QC
- Université Laval, QC

More information about programs and becoming a Speech-Language Pathologist: www.sac-oac.ca/

RECREATION THERAPY WORKER

Recreation Therapy Workers are part of the multi-disciplinary health care team in long term care and mental health facilities. They promote, develop and coordinate activities that contribute to the social and physical well-being of clients/residents by working one-on-one or with groups.

approximate salary: \$44,000 - \$58,000

minimum academic requirements: Diploma or Bachelor's Degree from a Post-Secondary Institution.

educational institute in atlantic canada offering a program:

- Holland College, PE
- University of Prince Edward Island, PE
- Université de Moncton, NB
- University of New Brunswick, NB
- Dalhousie University, NS
- Acadia University, NS
- St. Francis Xavier, NS





VISION CARE

Similar to other areas of health, vision care has benefited from evidence-based clinical advancements and innovative treatments that have greatly improved patient outcomes.

Vision care is provided in the public and private sector in Prince Edward Island. Please refer to the section on page 47 to learn more about a number of exciting private sector careers in vision care.

OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN

Ophthalmic Technicians support ophthalmologists by working with patients to gather information (e.g., vision measurements and diagnostic tests) to allow the correct diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases and disorders. They work in hospitals, clinics and for Ophthalmologists in private practice.

approximate salary: \$48,000 - \$53,000

minimum academic requirements: Certificate program and on-the-job training by employer.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

- Centennial College, ON (Distance Education)

ORTHOPTIST

Orthoptists have specialized training and knowledge in visual disorders that affect binocular vision and eye movement in children and adults. As clinicians, Orthoptists work closely with ophthalmologists in hospital or private practice settings and can also be employed as researchers, administrators and educators.

approximate salary: \$61,000 - \$76,000

minimum academic requirements: Completion of a post-baccalaureate orthoptics fellowship program with a Master of Science in Clinical Vision Science.

educational institute in canada offering a program:

- IWK Centre/ Dalhousie University, NS
- Other orthoptics programs are available; however, they do not offer a Master of Science in Clinical Vision Science.

*All programs are hospital based.



“ My work as an orthoptist is very engaging, rewarding, requiring me to always be solving problems. I enjoy working closely with ophthalmologists and with patients and families to address visual disorders. ”

ORTHOPTIST

HEALTH CAREERS IN THE PRIVATE AND NON-PROFIT SECTORS

There are many other rewarding health careers in Prince Edward Island. These important career opportunities are in the private and not-for-profit sectors where services are paid for by individuals, insurance plans or the public sector.

CHIROPRACTORS

Chiropractors provide a range of services from assessment, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and education and specialize in treating biomechanical disorders originating from the muscular, skeletal and nervous systems. For more information <https://www.peichiropractic.ca/>

COMMUNITY LIVING WORKERS/ SUPPORT WORKERS

Community Living Workers/Support Workers are employed by many not-for-profit agencies to provide care and support to individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders. There is a wide range of opportunity in this field across the province, with minimum educational requirement being a relevant 2-year college program or a combination of other training and experience in this field.

DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Dental Assistants are licensed members of the dental team who assist the dentist at the chair side and work with patients to provide oral health education, apply fluoride and take dental x-rays and dental impressions. Dental Assistants often perform non clinical administrative duties, including managing the office. For more information <https://www.cdac.ca>

DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Dental Hygienists are professional licensed members of the dental team who focus on oral disease prevention. They administer treatments including, but not limited to, the application of fluoride and sealants and primarily provide scaling, polishing and oral health education. For more information <https://www.cdha.ca/>

DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS

Dental Laboratory Technologists and Technicians are licensed members of the dental team who design, fabricate and repair dental appliances (e.g., crowns, bridges, orthodontic appliances, dentures and other dental appliances) as prescribed by dentists. For more information <https://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/dental-technology-program-s100/>

DENTISTS

Dentists are experts in oral health and lead the dental team in the delivery of dental services to individuals and the community. Dentists focus on education, diagnosis and treatment with most working in private practice.

For more information <https://www.cda-adc.ca/en/becoming/becoming/>

DENTURISTS

Denturists examine patients and design, construct and repair dentures and provide denture care directly to the public. Denturists work exclusively in private practice. For more information <http://www.denturist.org>

DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Dispensing Opticians interpret and fill prescriptions of Optometrists and Ophthalmologists. Licensed Opticians help clients select eyeglasses and lens treatments (e.g., tints and coatings), make adjustments to ensure a proper fit, repair broken frames and educate clients on proper eyeglasses. For more information <https://becomeanoptician.com>

KINESIOLOGISTS

Kinesiologists focus on human movement and improving health and general wellness. By applying evidence-based movement and exercise programs, kinesiologists help individuals to maintain, rehabilitate and enhance human movement, health and performance.

For more information <https://www.kinpei.ca/>

MASSAGE THERAPISTS

Massage Therapists usually work as self-employed contractors in their own space, in massage therapy clinics, resorts, spas and multidisciplinary clinics. Registered massage therapists evaluate and treat musculoskeletal issues, including chronic pain, and promote health and well-being. For more information <https://www.peimta.com/>

NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS

Naturopathic Doctors prevent, diagnose and treat disease using natural therapies including botanical medicine, clinical nutrition, acupuncture and lifestyle counselling. Naturopathic doctors complement and enhance health care services provided by other health care professionals. For more information <http://www.peiand.com/> or <https://www.cand.ca/>

OPTOMETRIC ASSISTANTS

Optometric Assistants are specially trained to work with optometrists to provide a range of optometric care to individuals. The online training for optometric assistants is offered by the Canadian Association of Optometrists and candidates have to be employed with an optometrist in order to enroll in the program. For more information <https://opto.ca/ccoa>

OPTOMETRISTS

Optometrists carry out eye exams and prescribe corrective lenses and prescribe certain medications. They specialize in the examination, diagnosis, treatment, management and prevention of disease and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures and diagnose ocular manifestations of systemic conditions.

For more information <https://peioptometrists.ca/about-us/>

PARAMEDICS

Paramedics administer pre-hospital care to persons with injuries or illnesses and transport them to hospital or other medical facilities. Specific roles vary between paramedic levels - Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) or Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP); however, all paramedics share common professional competencies.

For more information <https://www.paramedicassociationpei.com/>

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Health Careers ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Information on the health careers described in this guide was obtained from the following sources:

- Health sector professionals
- Educational institutions
- Professional associations and groups

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