

Priority Occupations & Median Annual Wage (May 2010)

Minimum Education Requirements For Entry-Level Employment			
Tier 3	Masters degree and above	Nurse Practitioner – N/A Physical Therapist - \$73,837	Physician Assistant - \$92,677 Occupational Therapist - \$70,310
Tier 2	College degree (Bachelors or Associate degree)	Registered Nurse \$72,442 Surgical Technologist - \$39,682 ¹ Respiratory Therapist - \$57,201 ¹ Radiologic Technologists - \$56,342	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Worker - \$33,646 Medical & Public Health Social Worker - \$48,962 Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists - \$62,538
Tier 1	High School/ Some College/ Certificates	Medical Assistant - \$30,676 Community Health Worker – N/A Health Educator – N/A Pharmacy Technicians - \$26,812 Medical Interpreter – N/A Dental Assistant - \$39,178	Certified Nursing Assistant - \$26,801 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$51,963 Home Health Aide - \$24,061 ¹ Medical Records and Health Information Technicians - \$38,117 Physical Therapist Assistant - \$47,737 ¹

Source: 2011 Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Median annual wage for Springfield Metropolitan NECTA region

¹ Median annual wages for Hampden County only, 2008.