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| **Occupation** | **Starting salary** | **Overall average** | **Upper ranges** | **Year of data** |
| Anesthesiologist assistant | $95,000-$120,000 |  | $160,000-$180,000 | 2006 |
| Art therapist | $39,000 | $30,000-$50,000 | $80,000-$149,000 | 2009 |
| Athletic trainer | $35,000 | $45,000 | $55,000-$85,000 | 2008 |
| [Audiologist](http://www.asha.org/research/memberdata/AudiologySurvey.htm) | $60,000 | $70,000 | $85,000 | 2010 |
| Cancer registrar | $39,506-$55,134 |  |  | 2005 |
| [Cardiovascular technologist](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos100.htm) | $25,940 | $48,300 | $76,220 | 2009 |
| Chiropractic |  | $65,000 | $100,00 | 2007 |
| [Clinical assistant](http://www.ascp.org/pdf/membership-communications/wage-and-vacancy-survey.aspx) |  | $28,080 | $36,795 | 2008 |
| Clinical lab scientist/med technologist | $37,540 | $55,140 | $75,690 | 2009 |
| CLS/MT manager |  | $69,500-$72,000 |  | 2005 |
| Clinical lab technician/medical lab technician | $23,850 | $36,030 | $55,210 | 2009 |
| Counselor | $31,140 | $52,550 | $84,080 | 2009 |
| [Cytotechnologist](http://www.ascp.org/pdf/membership-communications/wage-and-vacancy-survey.aspx) |  | $58,032 | $71,053 | 2008 |
| Dance/movement therapist | $38,000 | $42,000-$52,000 | $58,000-$85,000 | 2009 |
| Dental assistant | $22,710 | $33,230 | $47,070 | 2009 |
| Dental hygienist | $44,900 | $67,340 | $92,860 | 2009 |
| Dental lab technician | $21,370 | $34,820 | $58,390 | 2009 |
| Dentist |  | $114,000 | $315,000 | 2004 |
| Diagnostic medical sonographer | $43,990 | $63,010 | $85,950 | 2009 |
| Diagnostic molecular scientist | $35,000-$47,000 |  | $45,000-$82,000 (management) | 2002 |
| Dietetic technician | $33,800-$37,700\* |  |  | 2009 |
| Dietitian/nutritionist | $51,000-$62,000\* |  | $85,000-$88,000 | 2009 |
| [Emergency medical technician-paramedic](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292041.htm) | $19,360 | $30,000 | $51,460 | 2009 |
| Genetic counselor | $40,900 | $59,000 | $150,000 | 2006 |
| Health information administrator | $40,000 | $54,700 | $85,000 | 2003 |
| Health information technician | $30,000 | $39,100 | $50,000 | 2003 |
| [Histologic technician](http://www.ascp.org/pdf/membership-communications/wage-and-vacancy-survey.aspx) |  | $42,099 | $58,240 | 2008 |
| [Histotechnologist](http://www.ascp.org/pdf/membership-communications/wage-and-vacancy-survey.aspx) |  | $48,797 |  | 2008 |
| Kinesiotherapist | $36,000-$47,000 | $55,000 | $70,000 | 2006 |
| Low vision therapist |  | $44,777 |  | 2002 |
| Magnetic resonance technologist | $48,371 | $61,928 | $83,638 | 2007 |
| Marriage and family counselor/therapist |  | $57,119 |  | 1997 |
| Massage therapist |  | $20,000- $49,000 |  | 2005 |
| [Medical assistant](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes319092.htm) | $20,750 | $28,650 | $39,970 | 2009 |
| Medical coder | $34,699 | $44,750 | $68,593 | 2009 |
| Medical illustrator | $44,000-$55,000 | $51,500 | $38,000-$78,000 | 2006 |
| Medical librarian | $43,400 | $65,796 | $150,000 | 2008 |
| Music therapist |  | $46,417 | $145,000 | 2007 |
| Neurodiagnostic technologist | $43,000 | $61,000 | $97,000 | 2010 |
| Nuclear med technologist | $56,400 | $69,083 | $95,906 | 2007 |
| Nurse | $43,410 | $62,450 | $92,240 | 2008 |
| Occupational therapist | $54,260 | $66,780 | $98,310 | 2008 |
| Occupational therapy assistant | $34,130 | $48,230 | $65,160 | 2008 |
| Ophthalmic dispensing optician | $20,300 | $31,430 | $49,160 | 2007 |
| Ophthalmic laboratory technician | $21,120 | $32,740 | $50,560 | 2009 |
| Ophthalmic medical technician | $47,881 | $56,623 | $67,578 | 2009 |
| Optometrist |  | $175,329 |  | 2007 |
| Orientation and mobility specialist |  | $46,564 |  | 2002 |
| Orthoptist | $35,000-$42,000 | $45,000-$50,000 | $80,000 | 2000 |
| Orthotist and prosthetist | $68,800 | $78,700 | $88,700 | 2009 |
| [Pathologists' assistant](http://www.ascp.org/pdf/membership-communications/wage-and-vacancy-survey.aspx) |  | $72,800 |  | 2008 |
| Perfusionist | $60,000-$75,000 | $70,000-$90,000 | $100,000 (manager) | 2006 |
| Pharmacy technician | $19,480 | $28,070 | $40,160 | 2009 |
| Pharmacist | $79,270 | $109,180 | $134,290 | 2009 |
| [Phlebotomist](http://www.ascp.org/pdf/membership-communications/wage-and-vacancy-survey.aspx) |  | $27,040 | $37,814 | 2008 |
| Physical therapist | $52,170 | $74,480 | $105,900 | 2009 |
| Physical therapist assistant | $30,400 | $48,290 | $66,460 | 2009 |
| Physician assistant | $76,232 | $89,987 | $119,000-$200,000 | 2008 |
| Podiatrist | $85,000-$105,000 | $250,000 | $200,000-$250,000 | 2008 |
| Psychologist | $39,270 | $66,040 | $109,470 | 2009 |
| Radiographer | $41,612 | $52,336 | $81,136 | 2007 |
| Radiation therapist | $49,980 | $74,170 | $107,230 | 2009 |
| Registered radiologist assistant |  | $102,972 | $112,615 | 2008 |
| Rehabilitation counselor | $27,500-$51,700 | $34,300-$55,000 | $55,000-$75,000+ | 2006 |
| Respiratory therapist (advanced) | $39,030 | $53,330 | $71.920 | 2009 |
| Specialist in blood bank technology |  | $54,579 | $68,058 | 2008 |
| Speech-language pathologist (health care) | $60,000 | $70,000 | $85,000 | 2010 |
| Surgical assistant | $55,000 | $75,000 | $120K-$200K | 2008 |
| Surgical technologist | $27,910 | $39,400 | $55,620 | 2009 |
| Teacher of the visually impaired | $47,086 |  |  | 2002 |
| Therapeutic recreation specialist (CTRS) | $24,510 | $39,440 | $62,170 | 2009 |
| Veterinarian | $47,670 | $80,510 | $142,910 | 2009 |
| Veterinary technologist and technician | $20,180 | $29,280 | $43,080 | 2009 |
| Vision rehabilitation therapist |  | $37,055 |  | 2002 |