



Solano County Priority Occupations

HEALTHCARE

REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

Job Description: Registered Nurses (RN) provide and coordinate patient care and educate patients and the public about various health conditions

Educational Requirements: Registered Nurses usually take one of three education paths: a bachelor's degree in Nursing, an Associate's Degree in Nursing, or a Diploma from an approved Nursing Program. Registered Nurses must be Licensed

Demand: Expected to grow by **146** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$72.52

Note: Solano Community College offers a 2-year Associate Degree Program fully approved by the CA Board of Registered Nursing (<https://welcome.solano.edu/nursing/>)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

Job Description: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counselors provide treatment and advise people who suffer from alcoholism, drug addiction, or other mental or behavioral problems

Educational Requirements: Most positions require at least a bachelor's degree. Although educational requirements can vary from a high school diploma and certification to a master's degree for Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors, a Master's Degree and an internship is typically required to become a Mental Health Counselor

Demand: Expected to grow by **117** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$19.80

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)

Job Description: Nursing assistants provide basic care and help patients with activities of daily living. Orderlies transport patients and clean treatment areas

Educational Requirements: Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) often need to complete a State-Approved Education program and pass their state's competency exam to become Licensed or Certified

Demand: Expected to grow by **112** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$19.52

Note: It is anticipated that Solano Community College will resume its CNA program in Spring 2022

MEDICAL & HEALTH SERVICE MANAGERS

Job Description: Medical and health services managers plan, direct, and coordinate the business activities of healthcare providers.

Educational Requirements: Most medical and health services managers have at least a bachelor's degree before entering the field; however, master's degrees also are common. Prospective managers typically have some work experience in an administrative or a clinical role in a hospital or other healthcare facility.

Demand: Expected to grow by **111** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$85.70

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Job Description: Medical Assistants complete administrative and clinical tasks in hospitals, offices of physicians, and other healthcare facilities.

Educational Requirements: Most Medical Assistants have postsecondary education such as a certificate. Others enter the occupation with a high school diploma and learn through on-the-job training.

Demand: Expected to grow by **91** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$28.04

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES

Job Description: Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

Educational Requirements: Requires completing an post high school accredited certificate program, which is usually offered at community college. Others enter the occupation with a high school diploma and learn through on-the-job training.

Demand: Expected to grow by **84** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$34.71

NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Job Description: Nurse Practitioners coordinate patient care and may provide primary and specialty healthcare.

Educational Requirements: Nurse Practitioners must earn at least a Master's Degree in one of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses roles. They must also be licensed in their state and pass a national certification exam.

Demand: Expected to grow by **68** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$89.47

MEDICAL RECORDS & HEALTH INFORMATION SPECIALIST

Job Description: Medical records and Health Information Specialists organize, manage, and code health information data.

Educational Requirements: Medical Records and Health Information Specialists typically need a postsecondary certificate to enter the occupation, although some qualify with a high school diploma. Others need an associate's or higher degree. Certification is often required.

Demand: Expected to grow by **57** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$28.82

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SOCIAL WORKERS

Job Description: Assess and treat individuals with mental, emotional, or substance abuse problems, including abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drugs. Activities may include individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, case management, client advocacy, prevention, and education.

Educational Requirements: Most areas require at least a Master's Degree in Social Work in order to become licensed. Along with obtaining this type of degree, workers are also required to have several hours of supervised social work experience before becoming licensed.

Demand: Expected to grow by **52** positions from 2021 - 2026 **Average Hourly Earnings (2020):** \$49.18



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