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OVERVIEW

THE OCCUPATIONS

Registered Nurse (ADN), Licensed Vocational Nurse-to-Registered Nurse (LVN-RN) Bridge, Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) , Associate of Science in Pre-Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT), Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA), Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

ABOUT THE OCCUPATIONS

Health Professions offers many exciting and rewarding career opportunities. At Navarro College, we provide students with several avenues to assist in their pursuit of a career in health professions. Nurses, both RNs and LVNs, make up the largest portion of health care providers. The demand for nurses is expected to grow faster than the average for all other occupations. Nurses holding a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree often work directly with patients in important clinical care settings. RNs holding a BSN may qualify for managerial and leadership positions and are typically preferred in advanced specializations such as public health nursing, nursing forensics, nurse education, research, case management, and more. RNs provide direct patient care, assist physicians with procedures, and provide supervision for other health care workers. LVNs provide basic bedside care, perform procedures and treatments, assist RNs and physicians in providing care and treatments, perform procedures in physicians' offices, and may provide supervision for nursing assistants and aides in long-term care facilities.
Medical Laboratory Technicians play a crucial role in the detection, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. They examine and analyze body fluids and cells. They examine specimens for bacteria, parasites or other micro-organisms; analyze the chemical content of fluids; match blood for transfusions, and test for drug levels in the blood. The MLT field is rated in the top 20 best jobs.
Occupational Therapy Assistants and Physical Therapist Assistants may work with individuals who seek to maximize the functional areas of their lives or are limited by physical disease or injury, psychological or social dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, or other disorders, trauma, or conditions.

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CAREER OUTLOOK

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS OCCUPATIONS

Outlook Rating	Occupations
Excellent	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Excellent	Registered Nurse
Excellent	Licensed Vocational Nurse
Excellent	Medical Laboratory Technician
Excellent	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Excellent	Physical Therapist Assistant

SALARY INFORMATION

ANNUAL SALARY RANGES FOR SELECTED HEALTH PROFESSIONS POSITIONS

Position	Salary Range (Per Year)
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	$65,000 - $92,000
Registered Nurse	$40,000 - $80,000
Licensed Vocational Nurse	$28,000 - $38,000
Medical Laboratory Technician	$41,398

Occupational Therapy Assistant	$50,000+
Physical Therapist Assistant	$50,000+

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor Elementary Statistical Methods and the Texas Workforce Commission.

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DEGREE/CERTIFICATE

Concentration Options	Degree / Certificate Type	Degree Plans
Health Science	Associate of Science	View Degree Plan
Mental Health	Associate of Applied Science	View Degree Plan
Registered Nurse	Associate of Applied Science	View Degree Plan
LVN-to-RN Bridge Option	Associate of Applied Science	View Degree Plan
Licensed Vocational Nurse	Certificate	View Degree Plan
Medical Laboratory Technology	Associate of Applied Science	View Degree Plan
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Associate of Applied Science	View Degree Plan
Physical Therapist Assistant	Associate of Applied Science	View Degree Plan
Pre-Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Associate of Science	View Degree Plan
RN-to-BSN Bridge	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	View Degree Plan

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