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Health Care

There are several types of health care professionals requiring varying levels of education and training. Registered nurses (RNs) are trained at the undergraduate level, while nurse practitioners (NPs) have gone on to specialize at the master's level within the nursing field. Physician assistants (PAs) are licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. Doctors of Osteopathy and Medical Doctors both complete four years of post-graduate work to earn the titles of DO and MD, respectively, as well as the right to prescribe medicine and perform surgery.

Some of the biggest growth opportunities are expected to be for personal and home care aides

health aides and nurses (378,000 new jobs, up 76 percent), and physical therapists and their assistants (147,000 new jobs, up almost 80 percent).

The government even predicts continued growth opportunity for physicians, despite the current state of oversupply.

To qualify for some positions (including doctor, nurse, tech, and others) you need technical training, and to land a job you often need a strong network in a given area and practical experience in the industry.

The HMO segment offers jobs in management as well as medicine—particularly if you understand IT and data system development. As a job seeker, you should know that HMOs have been the catalyst for many of the efficient business practices imposed on all aspects of health care in recent years, and technical and administrative support are in high demand as the

health care industry evolves in a competitive market.

Health care IT is a steadily growing sector, due to the industry's relative lack of IT investment thus far.

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Insurance

Due to the replacement of agents by Internet sales, job

opportunities in this industry are increasing at a below-average pace. But the entrance of insurance companies into the grand arena of financial services marks a new era: Agents will be called upon to provide a

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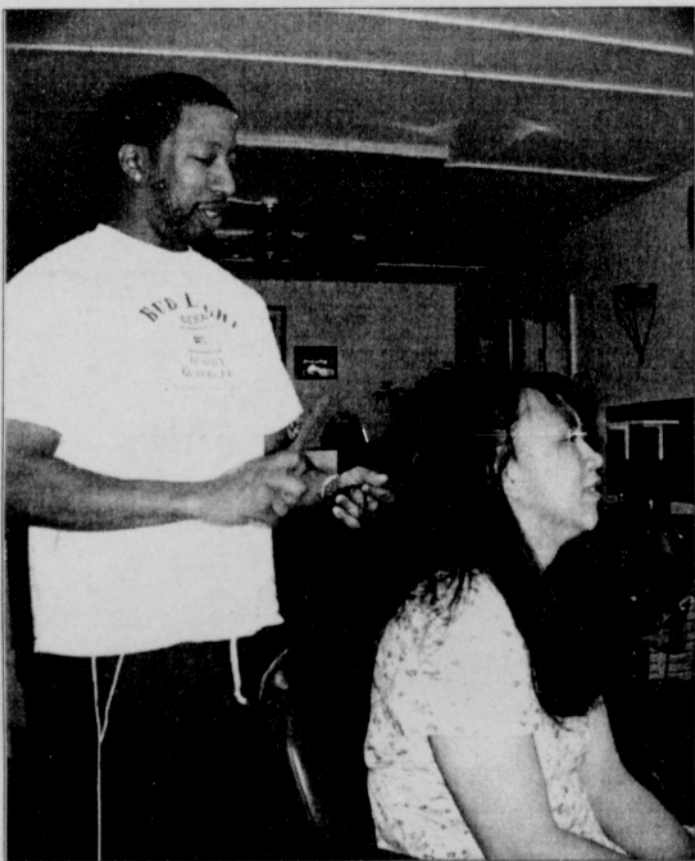


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Tracey Horseley is a hairstylist and owner of Tmaj's Barber & Beauty Salon. In this state, hairstylists must attend a 2-year beauty school program to gain 2400 credit hours to graduate and go for licensure. They must also pass the State Board Cosmetology test. Potential earnings for a stylist is \$11 - \$12 per hour. On average, they may keep 60-70% in commissions.

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