



Top Ten Careers You Be Ready When the Economy Turns Around

Got your walking papers due to the poor economy? Perhaps your next walk should be into the classroom. Take this time to invest in your greatest asset: you. By going to college now, you'll be the one ready to take advantage of opportunities in the new economy while others will just be getting started. Rhodes State has several programs that you can complete in as little as one or two years and begin a career (healthcare programs may take longer). We have highlighted 10 Rhodes State programs that were listed as growing careers in Ohio. Many more careers are available for those who attend Rhodes State and then transfer on to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree.

Computer Support Specialists

Average Wage: \$20.52 hourly/\$42,682 annually

Provide technical assistance to computer system users. Answer questions or resolve computer problems for clients in person, via telephone or from remote location. May provide assistance concerning the use of computer hardware and software, including printing, installation, word processing, electronic mail, and operating systems.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Information Technology.

Dental Hygienists

Average Wage: \$30.67 hourly/\$63,794 annually

Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop X-rays, or apply fluoride or sealants.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Dental Hygiene.

Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians

Average Wage: \$17.74 hourly/\$36,899 annually

Perform routine medical laboratory tests for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. May work under the supervision of a medical technologist.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Northwest Ohio Allied Health Education Consortium.



Medical Records and Health Information Technicians

Average Wage: \$15.60 hourly/\$32,448 annually

Compile, process, and maintain medical records of hospital and clinic patients in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements of the health care system. Process, maintain, compile, and report patient information for health requirements and standards.

Corresponding Rhodes State College programs: Medical Assisting and Office Administration Technology.

Occupational Therapist Assistants

Average Wage: \$23.88 hourly/\$49,670 annually

Assist occupational therapists in providing occupational therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, direct activity programs, and document the progress of treatments. Generally requires formal training.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Paralegals and Legal Assistants

Average Wage: \$21.91 hourly/\$45,573 annually

Assist lawyers by researching legal precedent, investigating facts, or preparing legal documents. Conduct research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or to initiate legal action.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Paralegal/Legal Assisting.



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Physical Therapist Assistants

Average Wage: \$23.59 hourly/\$49,067 annually

Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist. Generally requires formal training.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Physical Therapy Assistant.

Radiologic Technologists and Technicians

Average Wage: \$23.82 hourly/\$49,546 annually

Take X-rays and CAT scans or administer nonradioactive patient's blood stream materials into for diagnostic purposes. Includes technologists who specialize in other modalities, such as computed tomography and magnetic resonance. Includes workers whose primary duties are to demonstrate portions of the human body on X-ray film or fluoroscopic screen.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Radiographic Imaging.

Registered Nurses

Average Wage: \$28.70 hourly/\$59,696 annually

Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required. Includes advance practice nurses such as: nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists. Advanced practice nursing is practiced by RNs who have specialized formal, post-basic education and who function in highly autonomous and specialized roles.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Nursing.



Respiratory Therapists

Average Wage: \$23.70 hourly/\$49,296 annually

Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment.

Corresponding Rhodes State College program: Respiratory Care.

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