Where to study

These educational institutions provide programs that will help students pursue jobs in the healthcare profession. For a full list of California-accredited programs, please refer to medschool.ucla.edu/community-where-to-study

Mount St Mary’s College
12001 Chalon Rd
Los Angeles, CA 90049
310-954-4250 / msmu.edu

Orange Coast College
2701 Fairview Rd
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
714-432-5072
orangecoastcollege.edu

Pasadena City College
1570 E Colorado Bl
Pasadena, CA 91106
626-585-7123 / pasadena.edu

Platt College
1000 S Fremont Ave, ADW
Alhambra, CA 91803
626-300-5444 / plattcollege.edu

Regan Career Institute
11350 Valley Bl
El Monte, CA 91731
626-455-0112 / regancareer.com

Santa Barbara City College
721 Cliff Dr
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
805-965-0581 / sbcc.edu

Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Bl
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-434-4000 / smc.edu

Simi Valley Career Institute
1880 Blackstock Ave
Simi Valley, CA 93065
805-579-6200 / simivalleyadultschool.org

Southern California Regional Occupational Center
2300 Crenshaw Bl
Torrance, CA 90051
310-226-4200 / sroc.com

UC Irvine
5171 California Ave
Irvine, CA 92617
949-824-5011 / uci.edu

UCLA
405 Hilgard Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90095
310-825-4321 / ucla.edu

UCLA Prehospital Care
10990 Wisconsin Bl #A150
Los Angeles, CA 90024
310-267-5959 / cpc.mednet.ucla.edu

UC San Diego
9500 Gilman Dr
La Jolla, CA 92030
858-534-2230 / usc.edu

UC San Francisco
500 Parnassus Ave
San Francisco, CA 94143
415-476-9000 / ucsf.edu

University of La Verne
1950 3rd St
La Verne, CA 91750
909-593-3511 / laverne.edu

University of Southern California
3607 Trousdale Pkwy
Los Angeles, CA 90089
213-740-2311 / usc.edu

West Coast University
151 Innovation Dr
Irvine, CA 92617
949-783-4800 / westcoastuniversity.edu

West Los Angeles College
9000 Overland Ave
Culver City, CA 90230
310-287-4200 / wlc.edu

Westchester College of Nursing and Allied Health
8939 S Sepulveda Bl Suite 302
Los Angeles, CA 90045
310-981-9644 / westchestercollege.edu

Western University of Health Sciences
309 E 2nd St
Pomona, CA 91766
909-623-6116 / westernu.edu
Make a difference

When you work in healthcare, you will make a profound difference in people’s lives. You will help to make the world a healthier, safer and better place.

Healthcare Professions

The following are healthcare professions that students can pursue. Included are starting salaries, education needed and schools that offer these programs. For more information or questions, e-mail CommunityEngagement@mednet.ucla.edu or visit medschool.ucla.edu/community-careers.

Administrative Clinical Care Partner

What they do
Administrative clinical care partners (ACCPs) provide care and assistance to patients with limited physical ability to complete common activities, such as walking and bathing, on their own. ACCPs also work with medical technology, like billing software, health information software and medical record charting software. ACCPs often report to registered nurses (RNs) or licensed practical or licensed vocational nurses (LVNs).

Education needed
High School Diploma or GED + CNA Certification

UCLA Health starting salary
$43,409.52/year or $20.79/hour

Local schools offering this program
American Red Cross, Infotech Career College, Medical Allied Career Center, Platt College, Regan Career Institute

Professional organizations
**Child Life Specialist**

**What they do**
Child life specialists are pediatric healthcare professionals who work with children and families in hospitals and other settings to help them cope with the challenges of hospitalization, illness and disability. They provide children with age-appropriate preparation for medical procedures, pain management and coping strategies, and play and self-expression activities. They also provide information, support and guidance to parents, siblings and other family members and help patients and their families feel more comfortable in clinical settings.

**Education needed**
- Master’s Degree
- 600+ hours of Clinical Internship
- Certification

**UCLA Health starting salary**
- $59,382.72/year or $28.44/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Azusa Pacific University, Loma Linda University, University of La Verne

**Professional organizations**
- National: Child Life Council
  - childlife.org

**Dietitian**

**What they do**
A registered dietitian evaluates dietary requirements of patients and helps to develop personalized meal plans. Registered dietitians earn a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in nutrition from a college or university, pass a national exam, and complete continuing educational requirements courses. Dietitians often conduct nutritional research and work with hospitals and cafeterias to help develop specific meal plans and promote nutrition through community outreach.

**Education needed**
- Bachelor’s Degree + License, Certificate

**UCLA Health starting salary**
- $81,223.20/year or $38.90/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Azusa Pacific University, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, West Valley College

**Professional organizations**
- Local: California Association for Medical Laboratory Technology (CAMLT)
  - camlt.org
- National: National Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
  - eatrightpro.org/ACEND

**Clinical Laboratory Scientist**

**What they do**
Clinical laboratory science, also called medical technology, is the health profession that provides laboratory information and services needed for the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Clinical laboratory scientists perform a variety of laboratory tests, ensure the quality of test results, explain the significance, evaluate new methods and study the effectiveness of laboratory tests.

**Education needed**
- Bachelor’s Degree + One Year of a Training Program, License

**UCLA Health starting salary**
- $91,454.40/year or $43.80/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Los Angeles, Loma Linda University, UC San Diego

**Professional organizations**
- Local: California Association for Medical Laboratory Technology (CAMLT)
  - camlt.org
- National: American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
  - ascls.org

**Emergency Medical Technician**

**What they do**
An emergency medical technician (EMT) is trained for immediate response to 911 calls. As the first healthcare provider at the scene of emergency situations, an EMT’s primary function is to assess a patient’s condition and quickly determine the course of action necessary to stabilize the patient at the scene and while en route to a medical facility. An EMT also collaborates with firefighters and law enforcement to create a safe environment and establish priorities for required emergency care.

**Education needed**
- High School Diploma or GED + 160 hours of Training Certification

**UCLA Health starting salary**
- $40,089.60/year or $19.20/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Cal State Long Beach, College of the Canyons, Pasadena City College, UCLA Prehospital Care

**Professional organizations**
- Local: California Emergency Medical Services Authority
  - emsa.ca.gov/emt
- National: National Academy of Emergency Medical Technicians
  - naemt.org
**Laboratory Assistant**

**What they do**
Laboratory assistants perform a variety of job functions in support of the operation of a science laboratory. Some of those functions include: preparation of media for research, participation in the construction, assembly, testing and operation of laboratory equipment, preparation of tissues for microscopic examination and assisting in keeping up the cleanliness and maintenance of a laboratory.

**Education needed**
- Bachelor’s Degree + extensive research experience during undergraduate preferred

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$32,489.28/year or $15.56/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Cal Poly Pomona

**Professional organizations**
- National: The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
  - ascls.org
- Local: Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians
  - bvnpt.ca.gov

**Medical Assistant**

**What they do**
Medical assistants complete administrative and clinical tasks in the offices of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors and other health practitioners. Their duties vary with the location, specialty and size of the practice.

**Medical assistants typically do the following:**
- Take patient history and measure vital signs
- Help the physician with patient examinations
- Give patient injections or take EKGs, as directed by the physician
- Schedule patient appointments
- Prepare blood for laboratory tests
- Help patients feel at ease in medical settings

**Education needed**
- High School Diploma or GED, Certification

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$34,744.32/year or $16.64/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- East San Gabriel Valley, Pasadena City College,
  - Southern California Regional Occupational Center,
  - Santa Monica College, West Valley College

**Professional organizations**
- Local: California Certifying Board for Medical Assistants
  - ccmba.org
- National: American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)
  - aama-ntl.org

**Licensed Vocational Nurse**

**What they do**
A licensed vocational nurse (LVN) provides basic nursing care under the direct supervision of a registered nurse or physician. Typical nursing duties can include administering medications, monitoring patient health (i.e., measuring vital signs), providing basic bedside care to patients and starting intravenous fluids.

**Education needed**
- High School Diploma or GED, Program Completion, License

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$48,191.04/year or $23.08/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Brightwood College, Concorde Career College,
  - Glendale Career College, LA Trade Tech College,
  - Marian College – Los Angeles, Mission College

**Professional organizations**
- Local: Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians
  - bvnpt.ca.gov
- National: National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses
  - nlfpn.org

**Medical Coder**

**What they do**
Medical coding is a specialized profession within the wider field of healthcare administration. Professional medical coders review the documentation contained in patients’ medical records, then they translate the written documentation into universally accepted, industry-standard medical code. These codes are used to submit claims to third-party payers and to gather statistical information, both by tracking incidents of specific diseases and by detecting developing trends in treatment procedures. Accurate medical coding is essential to the healthcare industry. It is how claims for payment are reported for appropriate reimbursement of provided medically necessary services.

**Education needed**
- Associate’s Degree + Certification

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$55,290.24/year or $26.48/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Loma Linda University, Glendale Community College,
  - Santa Barbara City College, Santa Monica College,
  - Westchester College of Nursing and Allied Health

**Professional organizations**
- Local: AAPC – Region 8 West
  - aapc.com/AboutUs/local-chapter-board-of-directors.aspx
- National: AAPC
  - aapc.com
**Nurse Practitioner**

**What they do**
A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse (RN) who has completed advanced education and training in the diagnosis and management of common and chronic illnesses. Nurse practitioners focus on individualized care by treating their patients and educating them about preventative health measures.

**Education needed**
- Master’s Degree (Master of Science in Nursing), License

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$123,818.40/year or $59.30/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Azusa Pacific University, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Los Angeles, Charles R. Drew University, UCLA

**Professional organizations**
- Local: California Association for Nurse Practitioners canpweb.org
- National: American Association of Nurse Practitioners aap.org

**Occupational Therapy Assistant**

**What they do**
Occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) provide occupational therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. OTAs help people of all ages affected with traumatic injuries, stroke, Alzheimer’s disease and cognitive disorders learn to live productive lives through the use of meaningful occupations. OTAs employ therapies, procedures and treatments to help restore sight, movement, brain function and productivity.

**Education needed**
- Associate degree from an accredited OTA program + Graduates must pass the national examination for licensing to be eligible to work

**Local schools offering this program**
- Azusa Pacific University, CBD College, Santa Ana College, Stanbridge University

**Professional organizations**
- Local: American Occupational Therapy Association aota.org
- National: American Association of Pathologists’ Assistants pathassist.org

**Occupational Therapist**

**What they do**
The role of an occupational therapist is to work with a client to help him or her achieve a fulfilled and satisfied state in life through the use of purposeful activity or interventions designed to achieve functional outcomes that promote health, prevent injury or disability and that develop, improve, sustain or restore the highest possible level of independence.

**Education needed**
- Master’s Degree, License, Certification

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$83,248.56/year or $39.87/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Cal State Dominguez Hills, Loma Linda University, USC, West Coast University

**Professional organizations**
- Local: Occupational Therapy Association of California otaconline.org
- National: American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) aota.org

**Pathologists’ Assistant**

**What they do**
Pathologists’ assistants (PAs) are highly trained health professionals who carry out their duties under the direction and supervision of a pathologist to make laboratories more efficient and cost effective. PAs prepare, examine and dissect anatomic specimens to help pathologists make clinical diagnoses. Typically, PAs work with surgical and/or autopsy pathology and help with administrative duties, such as training and preparing for pathology conferences.

**Education needed**
- Master’s Degree, Certification

**Local schools offering this program**
- Loma Linda University

**Professional organizations**
- National: American Association of Pathologists’ Assistants pathassist.org
Pharmacist

What they do
Pharmacists are health professionals who, in addition to dispensing prescription medication to patients, also provide information about the drugs that their doctors have ordered for them. They explain doctors’ instructions to patients so that these individuals can use the medications safely and effectively. At UCLA, pharmacists see patients in the outpatient and inpatient settings to help with control of problems, such as high blood pressure, and to optimize patients’ medication use at the lowest cost possible.

Education needed
Doctoral Degree

UCLA Health starting salary
$147,287.52/year or $70.54/hour

Local schools offering this program
Chapman University, Loma Linda University, UC San Diego, USC

Professional organizations
Local: California Pharmacists Association
cpha.com
National: American Pharmacists Association
pharmacist.com

Pharmacy Technician

What they do
A pharmacy technician, also known as a pharmaceutical technician, is a healthcare worker who performs pharmacy-related functions, generally working under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist or other healthcare professional. Pharmacy technicians are employed in a variety of locations, usually in community/retail and hospital pharmacies but also in long-term care facilities, pharmaceutical companies, third-party insurance companies, computer software companies, or in government or teaching. Job duties include dispensing prescription drugs and other medical devices to patients and instructing on their use. They may also perform administrative duties in pharmaceutical practice, such as reviewing prescription requests with doctors’ offices and insurance companies to ensure correct medications are provided and payment is received. In recent times, pharmacy technicians also speak directly with patients on the phone to make sure they take their medications on time.

Education needed
High School Diploma or GED + License

UCLA Health starting salary
$43,785.36/year or $20.97/hour

Local schools offering this program
American Career College, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Los Angeles, LA City College, West LA College

Professional organizations
Local: California Board of Pharmacy
pharmacy.ca.gov
National: National Pharmacy Technician Association (NPTA)
pharmacytechnician.org

Phlebotomy Technician

What they do
The primary function of a phlebotomy technician is to obtain patient blood specimens by venipuncture or microtechniques. The phlebotomist aids in the collection and transportation of other laboratory specimens, and may be involved with patient data entry. A phlebotomy technician also draws blood for transfusions, donations and research.

Education needed
High School Diploma or GED + License

UCLA Health starting salary
$43,555.68/year or $20.86/hour

Local schools offering this program
College of the Canyons, Long Beach City College, Regan Career Institute, UCLA Prehospital Care

Professional organizations
Local: California Board of Pharmacy
pharmacy.ca.gov
National: American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians
aspt.org

Physical Therapist

What they do
Physical therapists (PTs) provide services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients with injuries or disease. PTs work closely with patients and clients to restore, maintain, and promote their overall fitness and wellness for healthier and more active lifestyles. Patients may include accident victims and individuals with disabling conditions, such as low back pain, fractures, head injuries, arthritis, heart disease, strokes and cerebral palsy.

Education needed
Masters Degree/Doctoral Degree + License

UCLA Health starting salary
$81,619.92/year or $39.09/hour

Local schools offering this program
Azusa Pacific, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Northridge, Loma Linda University, Mount St Mary’s College, USC

Professional organizations
Local: California Physical Therapy Association
ccapta.org
National: American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
apta.org
**Physical Therapy Assistant**

**What they do**
Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist. PTAs provide care to patients with physical impairment through therapy and treatment to help patients restore functional activities in their daily lives. Those therapies and treatments include: exercise for mobility, strength and coordination, and training for activities such as walking with crutches, canes or walkers.

**Education needed**
- Associate's Degree + License
- UCLA Health starting salary $59,501.52/year or $28.54/hour

**Professional organizations**
American Physical Therapy Association
apta.org

**Physician**

**What they do**
A physician is a doctor who is certified to practice clinical medicine. Physicians receive academic and specialized training at a college or university to prepare them for the responsibility of patient care. Upon graduation, a physician earns a medical doctorate (MD). Physicians examine patients, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, counsel patients on health and well-being, refer patients to other doctors when necessary, and maintain responsibility for a patient’s overall treatment and care.

**Education needed**
- Doctoral Degree
- UCLA Health starting salary $109,995/year or $52.68/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Loma Linda University, UCLA, USC

**Professional organizations**
- Local: California Medical Association cmanet.org
- National: American Medical Association ama-assn.org/ama

**Physician Assistant**

**What they do**
Physician assistants are nationally certified and state licensed to practice medicine. They conduct physical examinations, diagnose and treat illnesses, prescribe medication, perform medical procedures, order tests and much more.

**Education needed**
- Two years of college education in sciences, 1000+ hours of medical experience, completion of Master's PA program
- UCLA Health starting salary $111,791.52/year or $53.54/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Charles R. Drew University, Loma Linda University, Marshall B. Ketchum University, USC

**Professional organizations**
- Local: California Academy of Physician Assistants capa.org
- National: American Academy of Physician Assistants aapa.org

**Programmer Analyst**

**What they do**
Programmer analysts are engineers and information technology technicians who support existing networks and information systems while innovating by integrating new systems in a hospital. Some job functions of a programmer analyst include: networking, server management, database management and application programming. Programmer analysts use a variety of web-based programming languages such as SQL, JavaScript, CSS, and coding principles to help translate data into innovations in cutting-edge biomedical applications.

**Education needed**
- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Statistics
- UCLA Health starting salary $50,320.80/year or $24.10/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
- Cal State System, CalTech, DeVry Institute, UCLA, USC

**Professional organizations**
- National: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society himss.org
- National: American Medical Informatics Association amia.org
Radiation Therapist

What they do
Radiation therapists are skilled medical professionals with in-depth training in physics, radiation safety, patient anatomy and patient care. As part of the medical radiation oncology team, radiation therapists use machines called linear accelerators to administer radiation treatment that helps shrink and eliminate cancerous tumors. The therapist utilizes imaging technology, such as a computed tomography (CT) to help the physician precisely locate a tumor. Success as a radiation therapist requires a positive attitude, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, technological expertise and the ability to manage complex details under challenging working conditions.

Education needed
Associate’s Degree (Bachelor’s Degree Recommended), License, Certification

UCLA Health starting salary
$101,643.84/year or $48.68/hour

Local schools offering this program
Azusa Pacific, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Northridge, Loma Linda University, USC

Professional organizations
Local: The Southern California Society of Radiation Therapists
National: The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

Radiologic Technologist

What they do
Radiologic technologists are the healthcare professionals who perform diagnostic imaging procedures, such as X-ray examinations, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans and computed tomography (CT) scans. Most technologists work in hospitals, though some work in doctors’ offices and private clinics.

Radiologic technologists typically do the following:
- Adjust and maintain imaging equipment
- Precisely follow orders from physicians on what areas of the body to image
- Prepare patients for procedures, including taking a medical history, answering questions about the procedure and putting patients at ease
- Protect the patient by shielding exposed areas that do not need to be imaged
- Position the patient and the equipment in the location needed to get the correct image
- Operate the computerized equipment to take the images
- Work with radiologists reading the images to determine whether other images need to be taken
- Keep detailed patient records

Education needed
Associate’s Degree, License, Certification

UCLA Health starting salary
$76,232.88/year or $36.51/hour

Local schools offering this program
Charles Drew University, LA City College, Loma Linda University

Professional organizations
Local: California Society of Radiologic Technologists
National: The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

Registered Nurse

What they do
Registered nurses (RNs) require a large base of knowledge to assess, plan and intervene to promote health, prevent disease and help patients cope with illness. The RN manages teams in hospitals and clinics. When providing direct patient care, nurses observe, assess and record symptoms, reactions and progress, which provides the basis for care planning and intervention. They are health educators and advocates for patients, families and communities.

Education needed
Bachelor’s Degree (Bachelor of Science in Nursing BSN) + License

UCLA Health starting salary
$90,097.20/year or $43.15/hour

Local schools offering this program
Cal State Long Beach, Glendale Community College, LA Trade Tech College, Mount St Mary’s College, UCLA

Professional organizations
Local: California Board of Registered Nursing
National: American Nurses Association

Respiratory Therapist

What they do
Respiratory therapy is the healthcare discipline that specializes in the promotion of optimum cardiopulmonary function and health. Respiratory therapists apply scientific principles to prevent, identify and treat acute or chronic dysfunction of the cardiopulmonary system. Their knowledge of the scientific principles underlying cardiopulmonary physiology and pathophysiology, as well as biomedical engineering and technology, enable them to effectively assess, educate and treat patients with cardiopulmonary disorders. Respiratory therapists administer treatments to help patients with pneumonia, asthma and other diseases breathe easier. They also assist with operating ventilators.

Education needed
Associate’s Degree + Certification & License

UCLA Health starting salary
$72,432.72/year or $34.69/hour

Local schools offering this program
American Career College, El Camino Community College, LA Valley College, Loma Linda University

Professional organizations
Local: CA Society for Respiratory Care
National: American Association for Respiratory Care
**Social Worker**

**What they do**
The field of social work utilizes social theories to understand human problems, to enhance people’s lives and to improve society as a whole. Many who work in this field specialize in particular areas, such as aiding children, assisting those with life-threatening problems or helping people overcome addictions.

**Social workers:**
• Act as advocates for their clients
• Educate clients and teach them new skills
• Link clients to essential resources within the community
• Protect vulnerable clients and ensure that their best interests are observed
• Counsel clients who need support and assistance
• Research social problems to look for remedies

**Education needed**
Master’s Degree

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$62,410.32/year or $29.89/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
Azusa Pacific, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Northridge, Loma Linda University, UCLA, USC

**Professional organizations**
Local: National Association of Social Workers – California
nasswca.org
National: National Association of Social Workers
socialworkers.org

**Speech-Language Pathologist**

**What they do**
Speech-language pathologists assess, diagnose, treat and help to prevent speech, language, cognitive, communication, voice, swallowing, fluency and other related disorders. Speech-language pathologists work with people who cannot make speech sounds or cannot make them clearly; those with speech rhythm and fluency problems, such as stuttering; those with voice quality problems, such as inappropriate pitch or harsh voice; those with problems understanding and producing language; those who wish to improve their communication skills or produce a specific accent; and those with cognitive communication impairments, such as attention, memory and problem-solving disorders. They also work with people who have oral motor problems that cause eating and swallowing difficulties.

**Education needed**
Master’s Degree + License

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$93,584.16/year or $44.82/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Northridge, Chapman University, Loma Linda University

**Professional organizations**
Local: California Speech Language Hearing Association (CSHA)
csba.org
National: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
asha.org

**Staff Research Associate**

**What they do**
Staff research associates (SRAs) provide administrative and technical support to researchers for clinical studies. Many SRA positions require specialized academic or scientific knowledge, and a background in science, to perform or supervise experimental procedures in support of research and teaching.

**Education needed**
Bachelor’s Degree + extensive lab experience during undergraduate strongly preferred

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$43,305.12/year or $20.74/hour

**Professional organizations**
National: Society for Clinical Research Excellence
socra.org

**Surgical Technologist**

**What they do**
Surgical technologists assist in surgical operations under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses or other surgical personnel. They are members of operating room teams, which most commonly include surgeons, anesthesiologists and circulating nurses. Surgical techs can work in a variety of locations, including hospitals, physicians’ offices, dentists’ offices, outpatient clinics or military hospitals.

**The main job duties are:**
• Shaving and sterilization of patients
• Sterilization of operating rooms and all equipment
• Monitoring patients’ vital statistics
• Making sure all equipment is functioning
• Handing the surgeon tools during procedures
• Stocking and restocking operating rooms before and after surgeries

**Education needed**
Associate’s Degree or 12-month Certificate Program

**UCLA Health starting salary**
$47,669.04/year or $22.83/hour

**Local schools offering this program**
Concorde Career College, Glendale Career College, Simi Valley Career Institute

**Professional organizations**
National: Association of Surgical Technologists (AST)
ast.org
What they do
An ultrasound technician, often called a diagnostic medical sonographer or simply a sonographer, operates special equipment that uses sound waves to help diagnose patients’ ailments. They work directly with patients and physicians. Ultrasound technicians may specialize in obstetric and gynecologic sonography, abdominal sonography, neurosonography, breast sonography, vascular sonography or cardiac sonography. They can work in a hospital or a community clinic.

Education needed
Associate’s Degree
(Bachelor’s Degree is recommended)

UCLA Health starting salary
$32,285/50/year or $44.20/hour

Local schools offering this program
Cypress College, Loma Linda University, Orange Coast College, Platt College

Professional organizations
National: American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography
ardms.org

Notes

Where to study

These educational institutions provide programs that will help students pursue jobs in the healthcare profession. For a full list of California-accredited programs, please refer to medschool.ucla.edu/community-where-to-study

Local

American Career College
4021 Rosewood Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90004
323-668-7555
americancareercollege.edu

American Red Cross
2227 S Atlantic Bl
Comerica, CA 90040
800-627-7000 / redcross.org

Azusa Pacific University
568 E Foothill Bl
Azusa, CA 91702
626-969-3434 / apu.edu

Brightwood College
15400 Sherman Way, Suite 101
Van Nuys, CA 91406
818-754-6000 / brightwood.edu

California State Polytechnic University
3805 W Temple Ave
Pomona, CA 91768
909-869-5299 / cpp.edu

Cal State Dominguez Hills
1000 E Victoria St
Carson, CA 90747
310-243-3636 / csudh.edu

Cal State Fullerton
800 N State College Bl
Fullerton, CA 92831
657-278-2011 / fullerton.edu

Cal State Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Bl
Long Beach, CA 90840
562-985-4111 / calstatela.edu

Cal State Northridge
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330
818-677-1200 / csun.edu

Chapman University
1 University Dr
Orange, CA 92866
714-957-0835 / chapman.edu

Charles R. Drew University
1323 E 120th St
Los Angeles, CA 90059
323-563-4800 / cdrewu.edu

College of the Canyons
26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
661-256-7800 / ccpsd.edu

Concorde Career College
12412 Victory Bl
North Hollywood, CA 91606
818-766-8151
concorde.edu/campus/north-hollywood

Cypress College
9200 Valley View St
Cypress, CA 90630
714-484-7000 / cypresscollege.edu

East LA Occupational Center
2100 Maranglo St
Los Angeles, CA 90033
323-276-7000 / elac.net

El Camino College
16007 Crenshaw Blvd
Torrance, CA 90006
310-660-3593 / elcamino.edu

Glendale Career College
240 N Brand Bl
Glendale, CA 91203
818-596-0101 / glendalecareer.com

Infotech Career College
8527 Alondra Bl Suite #174
Panorama, CA 90210
562-804-1239 / infotech.edu

Loma Linda University
11600 Anderson St
Loma Linda, CA 92350
909-558-1000 / llu.edu

Long Beach City College
4901 E Carson St
Long Beach, CA 90808
562-938-4111 / lbcc.edu

Los Angeles City College
855 N Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90029
323-953-4000 / lacitycollege.edu

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