The Healthcare Virtual Career Network Works For You

The Virtual Career Network (VCN) provides career exploration and training tools to help jobseekers prepare for a career in healthcare. Serving as an online agent for jobseekers, VCN provides access to everything a person needs to prepare for a healthcare career. It allows users to set up a career management account and store career preferences and information. In addition, users can find national and local information about healthcare careers and see job listings in their area. VCN tools help users take control of their future!

Healthcare: In Demand

Healthcare is one of the fastest growing industries with the most in-demand occupations. Jobs in healthcare are projected to reach over 4 million by 2015. Healthcare careers are available for all skill and education levels. The VCN includes information on over 80 careers, 11 of which require less than one-year of education and 37 that require a two-year degree.

VCN Features

The VCN is designed to help jobseekers:

- Explore healthcare careers – by linking to information about each career and answering common questions such as: “What do jobs like this pay?” or “What is it like to be a nurse/technician/medical coder?”
- Decide which healthcare career is the best fit for them – by using online assessments and tools to compare options based on interests.
- Identify education and training needed – by showing what education, training, licenses or certifications are needed to get and hold a job.
- Locate an appropriate instructional program – by identifying courses, training and other programs near a user’s zip code.
- Access test prep materials and online courses – by taking courses directly through VCN for academic preparation.
- Find and apply for financial aid – by helping to find ways to cover the costs of education or training programs.
- Get credit for prior learning – by helping determine whether courses taken through an employer, in college or while in the military may be eligible for education credits.
- See job demand in specific geographic areas – by cross referencing occupational matches with local job openings.

About VCN

VCN serves as a comprehensive tool for career exploration in healthcare.

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