

Kansas Virtual Health Care Career Day

Feb. 18, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks

9:10 a.m. – Pediatrics

Children's Mercy Hospital, Overland Park

Pediatric professionals are kid-whisperers in scrubs, turning boo-boos into giggles and doctor visits into adventures. With a mix of medical magic, endless patience and maybe a few stickers, they help little ones grow up healthy and strong!

9:30 a.m. – Laboratory

Meade District Hospital/Artesian Valley Health System, Meade

Hospital lab workers are the medical mystery-solvers who turn test samples into life-saving answers. Working behind the scenes with precision and care, they play a critical role in diagnosing illnesses and guiding treatment decisions every day.

9:50 a.m. – Advanced Practice Providers


Coffey County Hospital, Burlington

Advanced Practice Providers including nurse practitioners and physician assistants—are highly trained medical pros who diagnose, treat, prescribe and care for patients across all ages. Working independently or alongside physicians, they bring expert clinical skills with a personal touch, making sure patients get top-notch, compassionate care wherever they go.


10:10 a.m. – Dietary

Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems, Beloit

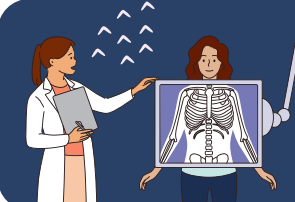
Hospital dietary professionals are the culinary wizards who turn nutrition into healing power, one tray at a time. From crafting special diets to making meals both healthy and tasty, they keep patients well-fed and on the road to recovery—with a side of compassion!



PEDIATRICIAN
AVERAGE SALARY: \$155,400
EDUCATION: DOCTORATE
PROJECTED 2028 EMPLOYMENT: 220
AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS: 7



SOCIAL WORKER
AVERAGE SALARY: \$55,470 (ANNUAL)
EDUCATION: MASTER'S DEGREE
PROJECTED 2028 EMPLOYMENT: 1,706
AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS: 173



RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST
AVERAGE SALARY: \$54,750
EDUCATION: ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE
PROJECTED 2028 EMPLOYMENT: 2,260
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10:40 a.m. – Radiology/Imaging

Wilson Medical Center, Neodesha

Radiology and imaging professionals are the picture-perfect pros who help see what's happening inside the body without a single incision. With sharp eyes and powerful technology, they turn snapshots into answers that guide patient care every day!

11:00 a.m. – Social Services (Discharge Planning, Social Work, etc.)

AdventHealth

Social services in hospitals provide compassionate support during some of life's most challenging moments, helping patients and families navigate emotional, financial, and care-related concerns. With empathy at the heart of their work, they connect people to the resources and guidance they need to feel heard, supported and never alone.

11:20 a.m. – EMT/Paramedicine

Kiowa County Memorial Hospital, Greensburg

EMTs and paramedics are the fast-moving lifesavers who bring calm to chaos, racing to help when emergencies strike. With sirens blazing and gear in hand, they deliver expert care on the go—turning split-second decisions into second chances!

11:40 a.m. – Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

HaysMed, Hays

Sports medicine orthopedic pros are the movement masters who help athletes and active folks bounce back from injuries and stay in the game. From sprains to surgeries, they keep bodies strong, mobile and ready for the next big play!

12:00 p.m. – Taking Your Next Steps in Health Care

Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Board of Regents and host partners

Need a scholarship? Want to learn more about important courses and opportunities to shadow careers? We want to help you on your journey.

The 2026 Virtual Health Care Career Day is presented by the Kansas Hospital Association, Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas Department of Education. Visit HappyInHealthCare.org to discover schools, careers and scholarships dedicated to building a robust and thriving health care workforce!



OPPORTUNITY CALLING!

In 2025, over 4,000 attendees from over 200 schools and hundreds of rural and urban KANSAS communities logged in to listen to real-life professionals present on their respective careers.

Some local hospitals even hosted watch parties with their local schools and followed the career day virtual presentation with lunch and hands-on experience at their facility.



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