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# LIFE SCIENCES

SECTOR OVERVIEW



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*Do you want to make a difference in people's lives?*

*Are you interested in the human body?*

*Are you caring and compassionate?*

## Fast Facts

*The Life Science sector is growing in the PacMtn region.*

**7,500+**

*people in this region work in hospitals and physician offices.<sup>1</sup>*

*This sector brings nearly*

**\$2.5 billion**

*into the local economy every year.<sup>1</sup>*

## Why Work In Life Sciences?

This growing sector encompasses a well-rounded representation of the health care industry—hospitals and clinics, medical-device manufacturers, and specialty services such as medical laboratories, diagnostic imaging, and kidney dialysis centers. Whether you're booking your annual physical exam or seeking long-term care for a loved one, you count on professionals in this sector to offer high-quality, innovative solutions.

## Key Industries<sup>1</sup>

- Medicine and Surgery
- Nursing
- Dentistry
- Medical Equipment Manufacturing
- Diagnostic Imaging

## Get Ready Now!

*These high-demand jobs are growing in the next decade<sup>2</sup>*

- › Home Health Aides
- › Registered Nurses
- › Nursing Assistants
- › Massage Therapists
- › Dental Assistants

1. EMSI, Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, J. Robertson and Co. Targeted Cluster Identification & Strategic Alignment. September 2012.

2. Data pulled from PacMtn Hot Jobs 2016 spreadsheet.

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## What's Out There?

A few of the Life Sciences employers in the PacMtn region:

### MEDICAL CLINICS

- Valley View Health Center, multiple locations
- Sterling Medical—VA, Chehalis
- Lacey Medical Clinic
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers, multiple locations

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS

- Island Optics, Shelton
- Capitol Optical Corp., Lacey

### KIDNEY DIALYSIS CENTERS

- DaVita, multiple locations
- Fresenius Medical Care, multiple locations

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

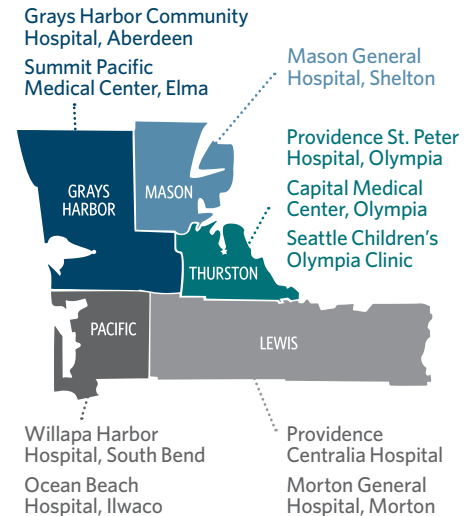
- State of Washington (various departments), Olympia

## Did You Know?

From an entry-level position in health care, many employers offer educational assistance to advance employees who demonstrate growth potential, especially in high-demand career paths like nursing.

*Roughly 40% of nurses do not work in a hospital.<sup>1</sup>*

## What are the Major Hospitals?



## How Do I Get Training?

- Dental Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Nurse
- Biology
- Physiology

*Want to advance? Consider a degree at a local college*

### Local Colleges

- Centralia College  
[www.centralia.edu](http://www.centralia.edu)
- Evergreen State College  
[www.evergreen.edu](http://www.evergreen.edu)
- Grays Harbor College  
[www.ghc.edu](http://www.ghc.edu)
- Olympic College  
[www.olympic.edu](http://www.olympic.edu)
- South Puget Sound Community College  
[www.spscc.edu](http://www.spscc.edu)
- St. Martin's University  
[www.stmartin.edu](http://www.stmartin.edu)

- Medical Assisting
- Coding/Billing
- Pharmacy Technician
- Massage
- And more!

*Begin with apprenticeships or on-the-job training offered through home health care employers*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.learnhowtobecome.org/nurse/>

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