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The New York State Area Health Education Center (AHEC) System *Careers in Health Care* guide was developed as a resource manual to provide students with a comprehensive overview of health occupations, along with a listing of the educational institutions in New York State and national professional organizations for each career. It provides students with detailed information about choices for a career in health care.

Careers in Health Care consists of information on 76 health career occupations followed by an appendix with information on:

- Educational Institutions in New York State
- Professional Organizations
- Financial Aid
- High School Timetable

Each occupation follows the same format:

JOB DESCRIPTION

This section describes each job and duties.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION (if applicable)

Many occupations have areas of specialization, which may require additional education.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

This section provides information about the types of environment in which the health professionals work, i.e., practice settings and hours.

ANNUAL WAGES

This section provides national and New York State wage data.

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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

This section specifies requirements for the occupations after high school graduation. Additional information for New York State licensing requirements can be found online at: www.labor.state.ny.us/business_ny/employer_responsibilities/olcny/menu.htm.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Students can get more detailed information by contacting any of these organizations. Contact information for the professional organizations is located in Appendix B.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

New York State schools with programs for the occupation are listed at the end of each section. The contact information for the institutions is located in Appendix A. Information on additional schools and programs in New York State and other states can be obtained by contacting the professional organizations listed in Appendix B, or contacting the local AHEC on page 94.

Source: U.S. Department of Education – Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/) and New York State Area Health Education Center System Data Resource Center, September 2003.

How to Obtain Additional Information

For more information about health careers, contact the local AHEC, a career counselor at a high school or college, or the health career counselor at a local technical college. The following web sites also provide information.

Center for Health Workforce Studies, New York Health Careers – www.healthcareersinfo.net

National Institutes of Health, Office of Science Education, Life Works™ – www.science.education.nih.gov/LifeWorks.nsf/feature/index.htm

New York State Area Health Education Center System – www.ahec.buffalo.edu

New York State Department of Labor, Career Zone® – www.nycareerzone.org

Today's Military – www.todaymilitary.com

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook* – www.bls.gov/oco/