



SECO Occupational Spotlights

Health Care Practitioner and Technical Occupations

This group operates facilities and provides services to meet the health care demands of the general population.

The Top Five Occupations as selected by military spouses on MySECO

Registered Nurses

Dental Hygienists

Pharmacy Technicians

Animal Care and Service Workers

Veterinary Technologists and Technicians

Typical Education	Associate Degree in Nursing/Licensure Required	Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene	High School/Pharmacy Tech Certification	Postsecondary Non-degree Award	Associate Degree
2014 Median Pay	\$66,220	\$71,110	\$29,650	\$19,910	\$30,500

Quick Facts

Assistants in health care support occupations earn on average between \$45,000 to \$50,000 per year, whereas aides earn on average \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year.

Projected Growth Rate May 2020

21.5%

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (2013). Employment Projections — 2012-2022

Many MSEP partners have openings for Health Care Practitioners and Technicians.

For a complete list, visit the MSEP Career Portal at <https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil>.

- American Red Cross
- Blue Star Families
- Bright Horizons Family Solutions
- Care.com Inc.
- Commander, Navy Installations Command
- DaVita Inc.
- Express-Scripts
- Fireside Partners LLC
- HCA, Hospital Corporation of America
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Marine Corps Community Services
- OMV Medical Inc.
- RGB Group Inc.
- Social Security Administration
- Sterling Medical Corporation
- STG International Inc.
- TerraHealth Inc.
- TriWest Healthcare Alliance
- UnitedHealth Group
- USA Cares
- ValueOptions®
- Zeiders Enterprises Inc.

Log on to the MSEP Career Portal to find available job openings in your area.

SECO Scholarship Finder

The SECO Scholarship Finder assists with locating scholarships and grants offered specifically to military spouses including the MyCAA Scholarship, which provides eligible spouses up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to meet education goals.

SECO Career Counselors

Call a certified SECO Career Counselor at 800-342-9647 to learn more about these and other occupations, what you need to do to get started and how you can secure a job in the health care practitioner and technical industry.

Read more on MySECO



- Registered Nurse — Jobs in Your Community
- Nursing Career Progression
- Health Care Jobs on the Move
- Fastest Growing U.S. Jobs



The SECO Career Exploration lifecycle stage assists spouses in identifying career interests and aptitudes and obtaining information about today's job market and work opportunities, including portable skills and careers, entrepreneurship and federal employment options. How?

By Phone. 800-342-9647. The Military OneSource SECO Career Center is staffed by certified career counselors who provide comprehensive career counseling services at no cost to all eligible military spouses. The SECO Career Counselors can assist in identifying occupations that are transferable and portable or offer flexibility.

Online. [MySECO](#) is a comprehensive online forum with essential information and resources relating to the SECO lifecycle stages and leading career counseling tools and assessments. Spouses can develop an online profile to capture and track personal information and progress as they advance their education or career.

Learn More. To find out what's new in your occupation, contact one of the [Professional Associations](#) for this occupational group. Relocating? Search the [Department of Labor occupational employment statistics map](#) to see your area's published employment rates and wages for this group.

The SECO Career Connections lifecycle stage assists spouses in connecting with corporations, government organizations and nonprofits to gain meaningful, long-term, portable employment.

At the center of the effort is the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, an employment and career partnership connecting military spouses to more than 260 partner employers that have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers. Military spouses from all branches of military service can access and apply for career opportunities on the [MSEP Career Portal](#).



MSEP partners represent a number of key occupational groups and offer positions of all kinds. Get active on the MSEP Career Portal to meet

our many partners that offer positions in the health care practitioner and technical occupations and discover their current job opportunities.

Networking, both formal and informal, or attending [Hiring Our Heroes](#) events are additional ways for a military spouse to make the connections that lead to job opportunities and career progression. Visit [MySECO](#) to find out more.



The SECO Education, Training and Licensing lifecycle stage provides assistance in identifying education, training, licensure and certification opportunities, as well as financial aid resource and scholarships for spouses.

The MyCAA Scholarship provides up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to eligible military spouses who are pursuing a license, certification, certificate or associate degree in a portable career field and occupation. Spouses of active-duty service members in pay grades E-1 to E-5, W-1 to W-2 and O-1 to O-2 on Title 10 military orders are eligible.

Call 800-342-9647 or log on to the [MyCAA Spouse Portal](#) for more information.

Top resources for education and training:

- Financial aid information — [MySECO website](#) and [Know Before You Owe flier](#)
- Licensure portability and unemployment compensation — [USA4 Military Families](#)
- Portable credential assessing basic academic skills using [WorkKeys — The National Career Readiness Certificate](#)
- State specific contact information about licenses for this occupational group — [CareerOneStop License Search tool](#)

The SECO Employment Readiness lifecycle stage connects spouses to the service-led employment readiness efforts aboard the installations that assist spouses in preparing to join or re-enter the workforce. Spouses receive information and assistance with job search strategies, resume writing, interviewing, networking and self-marketing skills. Resources are also available to support child care and transportation needs. Visit the [MilitaryINSTALLATIONS](#) website and search by program "Spouse Education, Training and Careers" and installation or postal code for the closest office.

Regardless of location, spouses can call 800-342-9647 to speak with a certified SECO Career Counselor or visit [MySECO](#) for information and resources available 24/7.

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Listed below are three military spouse mentor programs:

[Joining Forces for Women Veterans and Military Spouses Mentoring Plus®](#)

[Military Spouse eMentor Program](#)

[Blue Star Fellows](#)