

Encompassing a wealth of roles

Doctors and nurses are familiar and popular roles in the Life Sciences industry. However, the clinical side of life sciences also encompasses **office, diagnostic therapeutic and technical aspects of the health care system—all of which are needed to deliver high quality patient care services.**

There are many different environments that these professionals can work, including offices and hospitals. Working in one of the fastest-growing industries in Northeast Florida comes with many different benefits like job security and advanced wages.

Professionals in the Patient Care side of Life Sciences have a vital role. Doctors and nurses rely on their assistance and analysis because, without it, their roles would not run as smoothly.

Ultimately, these professionals facilitate the information needed to offer outstanding care. The aspect of life sciences will continue to evolve to meet the needs of our aging population.

The occupations shown below represent a cross-section of entry-, mid- and executive-level positions.

FAST FACTS

131,900+ employed in
Life Sciences in JAX

Over 5,000 life sciences
establishments in the region

\$77,800 average wage
per worker in Northeast Florida

TOP EMPLOYERS IN THE REGION



5,000 employees



900 employees



3,500 employees



15,000 employees



10,900 employees



3,250 employees



5,050 employees



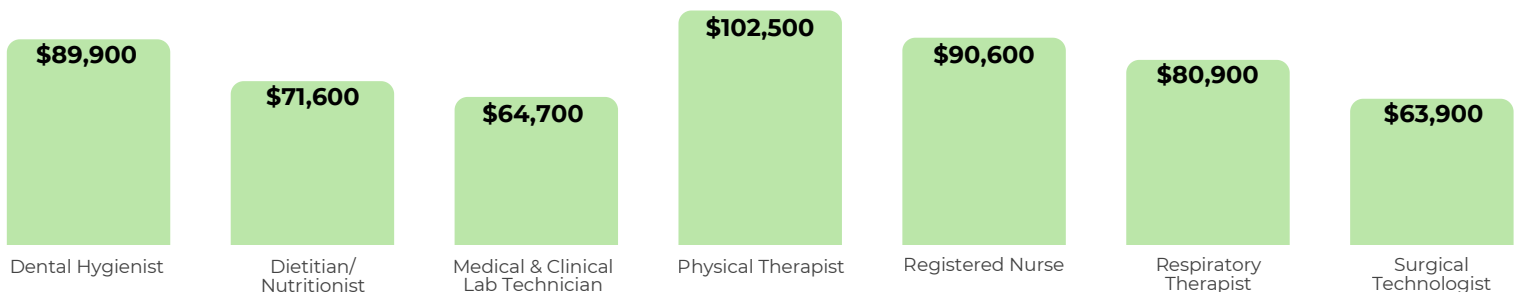
5,700 employees



4,300 employees

AVERAGE WAGES

Entry-Senior Level



Source: JobsEQ, 2026

Talent Pipeline

Regional colleges & degree/certificate programs with Life Sciences (or related) concentrations

- Edward Waters University
- Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Jacksonville University
- Keiser University
- St. Johns River State College
- University of North Florida
- Flagler College
- University of Florida (Graduate Campus)

Graduate Level

- Occupational Therapy (OTD)
- Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MCHC or MS)
- Executive Health Administration (MHA)
- Health Science, Kinesiology/Lifestyle Medicine (MSH)
- Nursing - Management & Leadership (MSN)
- Nursing (MSN) or Nurse Practitioner (DNP)
- Nutrition & Dietetics (3 specialized options)(MS)
- Public Health - Epidemiology (MPH)
- Public Health - Social & Behavioral Science (MPH)
- Speech-Language Pathology (MS)

ADVANCED DEGREE

- Medical and Health Services Manager **(\$131,00)**
- Occupational Therapist **(\$102,100)**
- Physical Therapist **(\$102,500)**
- Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselor **(\$67,000)**

Bachelor Level

- Exercise Science (BS)
- Nursing (BSN)
- Nutrition & Dietetics (BS)

4-YEAR DEGREE

- Dietitian/Nutritionist **(\$71,600)**
- Occupational Therapist **(\$102,100)**
- Physical Therapist **(\$102,500)**
- Registered Nurse **(\$90,600)**

Associate Level

- Dental Hygiene (AS)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology
- Nursing (AS)
- Occupational Therapy Assistant (AS)
- Physical Therapist Assistant (AS)
- Radiation Therapy (AS)
- Radiography or Radiologic Technology (AS)
- Respiratory Care (AS)
- Surgical Services (AS)

2-YEAR DEGREE

- Dental Hygienist **(\$89,900)**
- Medical Sonographer **(\$84,500)**
- Radiologic Technician **(\$73,700)**
- Respiratory Therapist **(\$80,900)**
- Surgical Technologist **(\$63,900)**

Certificate Level

- Dental Assisting
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Medical Assisting
- Nursing Assistant (Long-Term Care)
- Paramedic
- Practical Nursing

1 YEAR (OR LESS) CERTIFICATE

- Dental Assistant **(\$46,700)**
- Emergency Medical Technician **(\$42,000)**
- Home Health Aide/Nursing Aide **(\$34,700)**
- Licensed Practical Nurse **(\$62,100)**
- Medical Assistant **(\$45,200)**
- Paramedic **(\$59,000)**

Entry Point

- High school students enrolled in any **one of 35** related Career and Technical Education (CTE) academies or curriculum. This also includes certification opportunities.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

- Nursing Assistant **(\$39,800)**

DATA PROVIDED BY JOBSEQ 2026, ONET.ORG, BLS.GOV AND INDEED.COM
This represents a sampling of programs currently being offered. Curriculum is subject to change.

SELECT REGIONAL EMPLOYERS - BIOMEDICAL

Ascension St. Vincent's*+
Baptist Health*+
Baptist MD Anderson
Cancer Center
Brooks Rehabilitation*+
Florida Blue*+

Formativ Health
HCA Florida Healthcare*+
Johnson & Johnson Vision*+
KLS Martin Group
Mayo Clinic*+

Meclabs Institute
McKesson
Medtronic+
Nemours Children's Clinic+
UF Health Jacksonville+
Zimmer Biomet+

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JAX REGION ATTRACTS TOP SCIENTISTS AND COMPANIES

If you're interested in STEM and like to think critically about process, study outcomes and make an impact on individual or global public health, consider the biomedical industry. This industry involves understanding the big picture consequences of processes that occur at the smallest cellular or molecular level. According to BioFlorida.com, **"Florida's bioscience industry is developing breakthrough discoveries and therapies that have the ability to propel the industry and improve the quality of life for Americans across the country."**

BUSINESS IS BOOMING IN THE JACKSONVILLE REGION:

MAYO CLINIC TO BUILD OUT A NEW \$233 MILLION INTEGRATED ONCOLOGY BUILDING AT ITS SOUTH CAMPUS

Mayo Clinic will provide a new cancer treatment at their Jacksonville campus, with the new facility now under construction. This new treatment will be the first of its kind in the United States and will use carbon ion radiation therapy which specifically targets the location of cancer cells while avoiding major damage to the surrounding area. The first treatment is expected to be available in 2028.

The addition of this new cancer center reinforces Northeast Florida's position as a leading health care destination that offers state-of-the-art treatments and care from cutting-edge companies such as the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center and the UF Proton Therapy Institute.

The research and technology this new treatment uses will revolutionize how we treat cancer, setting a new standard for groundbreaking medical advancements and pushing Jacksonville to the forefront of innovative care.



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