

## CAREER OUTLOOK

The career outlook for physicians and surgeons is great because the growing population will need more doctors to fulfill their health care needs. Employment will increase 10%-20% over the next decade, with the bulk of the growth in primary care physicians (family practitioners, general practitioners, etc.). Specialists will also experience a rise in employment in response to patient demand for access to specialty care. Technology will also play an important role in the increase in employment. As physicians are able to perform more tests and procedures, they will be able to treat conditions that were previously regarded as untreatable.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Medical Association  
515 North State Street  
Chicago, IL 60610  
Phone: (312) 464-5000  
Web: [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)

Association of American Medical Colleges  
2450 N Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037-1127  
Phone: (202) 828-0400  
Web: [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)

Mississippi State Medical Association  
PO Box 2548  
Ridgeland, MS 39158-2548  
Phone: (601) 853-6733  
Web: [www.msmaonline.com](http://www.msmaonline.com)

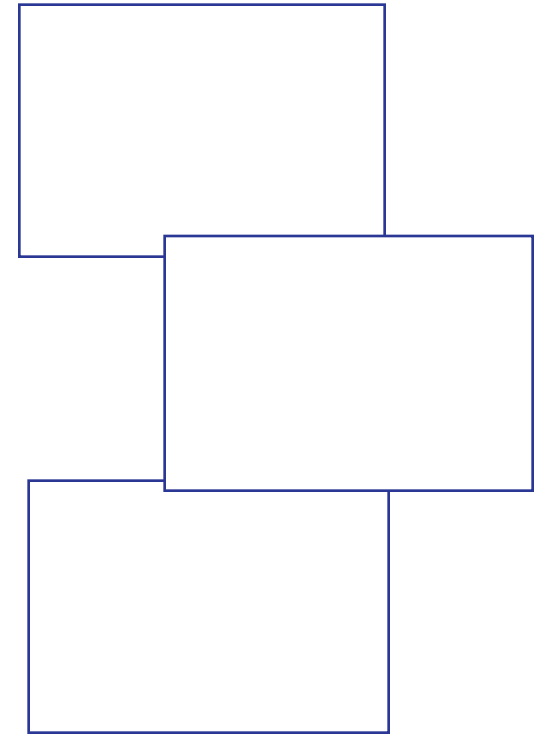


## MHA HEALTH CAREERS CENTER

6425 LAKEOVER ROAD (39213)  
P.O. Box 16444  
JACKSON, MS 39236-6444  
PHONE (601) 982-3251  
FAX (601) 368-3200

[WWW.MSHEALTHCAREERS.COM](http://WWW.MSHEALTHCAREERS.COM)

*It's*  
**YOUR**  
*choice...*



*Choose to care!*



*Promoting Health  
Careers in Mississippi*

*A division of Mississippi Hospital Association*

## POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Physicians, or Doctors of Medicine (MDs), are in charge of diagnosing and treating illness, injury, and disease. They perform examinations and tests, prescribe medicines and treatments, perform surgeries and related procedures, and conduct life saving research. Physicians also counsel patients on methods of preventative care such as diet and exercise. Anyone interested in this field of health care should be compassionate and caring as well as possess sound judgment. Physicians many choose from a number of specialties that include: internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics, radiology, psychiatry, emergency medicine, anesthesiology, cardiology, neurology, pathology, family practice, rheumatology, ophthalmology, and surgery. Depending on their area of specialty, physicians work with patients from various age groups and patient populations. Another important aspect of a physician's job is to develop and test new medical techniques and life saving procedures. A physician must be dedicated to a lifetime of continuing education in order to meet the changing health care needs of a diverse society.

## WORK ENVIRONMENT

The majority of physicians work in hospitals, private practice, group practice, clinics, nursing homes, community health centers, urgent care centers, research facilities, medical schools,

and the military. Most physicians work long and hectic hours, with nearly one third working 60 hours a week or more.

## HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Students interested in a career as a physician should concentrate on high school courses in algebra, biology, chemistry, English, literature, geometry, physics, trigonometry, humanities, health occupations/medical professions, psychology, emergency medical technology, and computer skills.

## COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Individuals interested in becoming a physician must complete a premedical program at an accredited college or university. These programs are four years in length and are very rigorous. Students must then pass the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and get accepted into a school of medicine. This may require a personal interview, additional applications, or further testing.

Once admitted into medical school, a student must graduate this four-year program which is very difficult and expensive. Upon graduation, a student then begins a period of post-graduate training called a residency, which can last 3-8 years.

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### Pre-medicine undergraduate programs

Alcorn State University  
PO Box 18399  
Natchez, MS 39122  
Phone: (601) 442-3901

Delta State University  
PO Box 3154  
Cleveland, MS 38733  
Phone: (662) 846-3000

Jackson State University  
1325 J R Lynch Street  
Jackson, MS 39217  
Phone: (601) 968-2100

MS State University  
PO Box 6035  
Mississippi State,  
MS 39762  
Phone: (662) 325-2131

MS University for  
Women  
PO Box W-1614  
Columbus, MS 39701  
Phone: (662) 329-4750

The University of MS  
257 Martindale  
University, MS 38677  
Phone: (662) 232-7211

University of Southern  
Mississippi  
Box 5101  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406  
Phone: (601) 288-4201

Belhaven College  
1500 Peachtree Street  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Phone: (601) 968-5940

Mississippi College  
PO Box 4026  
Clinton, MS 39058  
Phone: (800) 962-5991

Rust College  
150 East Rust Avenue  
Holly Springs,  
MS 38635  
Phone: (662) 252-4661

Tougaloo College  
500 W County Line Rd  
Tougaloo, MS 39274  
Phone: (601) 977-7730

William Carey College  
498 Tuscan Avenue  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
Phone: (601) 582-6223

### Medical School

The University of MS  
Medical Center  
School of Medicine  
2500 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Phone: (601) 984-5010

## SALARY RANGE

Average Annual Salary--\$116,400\*  
Salary Range--\$80,600-\$144,200\*  
(\*Varying with specialty)