



# ONLINE CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Explore Prepare Succeed

Health Care Career  
Academic Preparation  
Program Brochure

## Academic Preparation for Your Success

### Online Career Advancement Program Overview

The Online Career Advancement (OCA) Health Care Academic Preparation Certificate Program was developed in response to a rising need for career awareness and academic preparation for people interested in careers as health care professionals.

Awareness and exploration of the many various health care careers provides a major advantage for a person when determining the best career choices that fit their personality, interests, and other unique characteristics.

Academically prepared students have much higher retention, completion, and success rates while pursuing professional health care career licensing, certification, or degree granting programs.

### EXPLORE—PREPARE—SUCCEED

#### OCA Program Details Covered In This Brochure:

- Program Benefits & Advantages
- Online Learning Management
- Why A Health Care Career?
- Program Curriculum
- Supplemental References & Resources
- Student & Technical Support
- Duration of Program
- Computer System Requirements
- Free Program Preview

Academic preparation is a guaranteed strategy for achieving success as a health care professional.



“Without pre-medical academic training, I would have struggled, or failed, in medical school.” Dr. Alan Brown



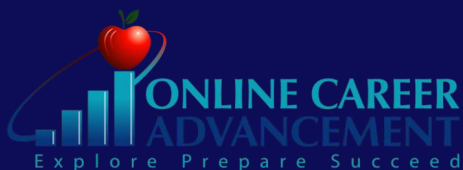


## Critical Shortage Leads to High Demand

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) there is a global shortage of qualified health care workers.

Lack of proper academic preparation is, by far, the most significant barrier to addressing this high demand and critical shortage.

## Prepare to Succeed



## Program Benefits & Advantages:

### Gain practical knowledge and skills

You'll gain the knowledge and academic skills necessary for successful entry into, and completion of, professional health care certification, licensing, and degree programs; also preparing you well for the workplace.

### Review activities and grades anytime

Our secure learning management system keeps track of your activities and grades allowing you to monitor and adjust your progress. With instant statistics and feedback always available for your course work, you will be able to learn more readily.

### Share with, and learn from, other students

You have controlled access to a course messaging system. You determine who can send you messages or see your email address.

### Self-paced learning anytime from anywhere

Access your courses anytime from any computer with an Internet connection, providing you the freedom and flexibility to schedule when best convenient for you. You can learn at your own pace and customize module access to your needs.

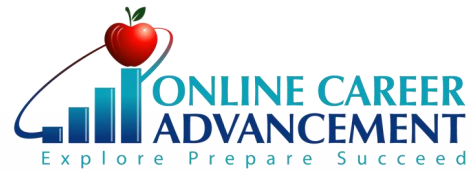
### Academic assessment opportunities

You'll have a major advantage by being better prepared to succeed in professional health care education programs that lead to certification, licensing, or degrees. Core modules, with quizzes, provide opportunities for self-assessment and review of required foundation level knowledge related to most health care education program curricula.



## Improving Health Care Career Transitions is a Necessity:

- Prospective health care professionals must take more responsibility for their own academic and career success
- Motivated, disciplined, and independent learners have the best chances of success in pursuing their professional health care careers of choice



## Online Learning Management System Features:

Designed for easy learning

The course management system (CMS) navigation is designed for easy learning, so you'll be able to start preparing for success right away. A tutorial is available to assist with your quick familiarity with the CMS.

All-inclusive access to learning materials

Course lesson modules, quizzes and exams, resources, references, and other associated materials are conveniently accessible from one page in the course management system.

Extensive course lessons

Course lessons contain hundreds of content pages, with questions, which stimulate learning and offer self-assessment, review and progress tracking opportunities.

Communicate & connect

Private student blogs and messaging systems enhance your learning experience by allowing you to securely communicate and connect with other students and support staff. Access and search the site news forum for all the information you need to stay up to date.

Activity reports, grades, & administration

You have complete private and secure administrative control over available course management tools. You can track activities and progress, view results from exercises and quizzes, edit profile information, manage messaging and secure private information.

## The OCA Program Helps By:

- Easing the transition process between secondary and postsecondary education and employment
- Improving academic performance at both the secondary and postsecondary levels
- Preparing participants to excel as professionals in their health care career of choice
- Reducing the need for remediation of students entering postsecondary health care education
- Increasing the awareness, options, and opportunities for people interested in health care careers



## Why A Health Care Career?

There are numerous reasons why a healthcare career is an excellent choice for you.

Even when the economy is doing poorly, demand for healthcare workers is steady; giving you significant job security.

The knowledge and skills that you learn with Online Career Advancement courses can be used anywhere around the country and the world; providing excellent mobility.

Foundation level knowledge gives you the opportunity to choose and define your own level of education; increasing your healthcare career options.

The critical shortage and high demand for healthcare professionals offers excellent income opportunities.

Advances in medicine and technology have created an environment of constant learning for those working in healthcare.

Helping people to be, and stay, healthy can provide a great sense of personal contribution and satisfaction.



## OUR SOLUTION

## YOUR SUCCESS

OCA academic preparation programs and courses increase the success rate of people transitioning into health care certification, licensing, and post-secondary education programs



Visit us at [www.OCAWeb.us](http://www.OCAWeb.us) to explore the top 100 professional health care career options and get prepared to succeed!



## YOU CAN SUCCEED!

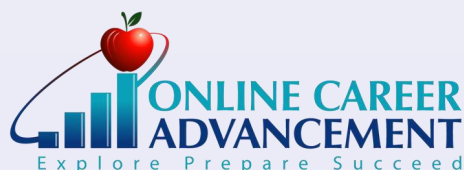
### Program Curriculum:

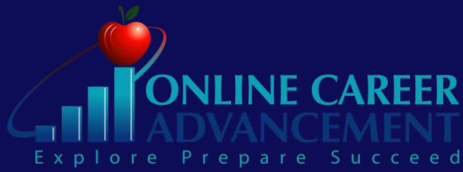
Online Career Advancement's academic preparation courses will prepare you for success as a health care professional. The curriculum was designed by college and university educators with feedback, suggestions, and contributions from health care industry consultants.

Each program curriculum consists of ten (10) courses. Each course contains multiple lessons with questions, quizzes, a final exam, and can be taken independent of other courses. A certificate of achievement is automatically issued based upon performance on the final exam of an 80% or better grade.

Nine English, math, and science core competency courses offer opportunities for self-assessment and review. These courses provide the foundation knowledge and academic skills necessary for anyone pursuing professional health care career education programs or preparing for entrance exams.

The career preparation course consist of three theme modules that provide detailed knowledge and skills directly related to your chosen career. This course covers everything you need to know to be well prepared to excel as a professional; in school or on the job.





## Health Care Facts

(US Bureau of Labor Statistics)

- As the largest industry in 2006, health care provided 14 million jobs—13.6 million jobs for wage and salary workers and about 438,000 jobs for the self-employed.
- 7 of the 20 fastest growing occupations are health care related.
- Health care will generate 3 million new wage and salary jobs between 2006 and 2016, more than any other industry.
- Most workers have jobs that require less than 4 years of college education, but health diagnosing and treating practitioners are among the most educated workers.



## Featured Career Courses:

Online Career Advancement academic preparation courses will help you successfully pursue the career of your choice. The Online Career Advancement program offers courses related to the following professional health care careers that are in high demand, very rewarding and challenging, and offer excellent pay:

Anesthesiologist Assistant; Cytotechnologist; Diagnostic Medical Sonographer; Health Information Administrator; Kinesiotherapist; Nuclear Medical Technologist; Ophthalmic Assistant; Orthotist and Prosthetist; Perfusionist; Physician Assistant; Surgical Assistant; Cardiovascular Technologist; Dental Hygienist; Genetic Counselor; Histotechnologist; Magnetic Resonance Technologist; Occupational Therapist; Orthoptist; Pathologists' Assistant; Physical Therapist; Registered Radiologist Assistant; Respiratory Therapist; and Pharmacy Technician.

Learn which of these professional health care careers is best for you with our free career guides.

## Supplemental References & Learning Resources:

Our program provides quick and easy access to hundreds of the best web-based references and resources available.

Including links to math, English and general science references and tutorials; medical and life sciences atlases, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and libraries; computer system, applications, Internet, and email tutorials; career related academic knowledge sources; national and international health care industry organizations and associations; employment resources; financial aid sources; and certification, licensing, and degree program information.

There is no need to be concerned about or burdened with additional textbooks or manuals.



## Program Career Categories

Laboratory Science

Medical Imaging

Pharmacy

Physician Assistant

Physical Therapy

Surgical Technology

Cardiovascular Technology

Dietetics & Nutrition

Dentistry

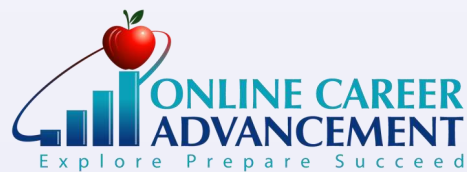
Respiratory Technology

Health Information



## Student & Technical Support:

Online Career Advancement has dedicated student and technical support staff, a comprehensive FAQ system and knowledgebase that provide answers to all of your questions and concerns. The technical support staff will help you with issues you may encounter within the course management system.



## Duration of Program:

You have a full year to complete the program. The Online Career Advancement program is completely self-paced and accommodates most schedules, lifestyles, and experience levels. We recommend a minimum of 12 weeks to complete the program.



## Required Computer System Specifications:

The Online Career Advancement program uses one of the most comprehensive and sophisticated learning management systems in the world; our goal is to allow anyone with an Internet connection an opportunity to learn. The program is designed to be compatible with even the most basic computer system; if you have access to a computer with an Internet connection, you can benefit from our learning program. **It's that simple!**

### Hardware:

- Broadband-DSL cable modem (Not Required - recommended)
- Basic VGA (640 X 480) or higher resolution adapter and monitor
- CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive (Not Required)
- Sound card and speakers (Not Required)
- Available USB port or serial port (Not Required)
- Color printer (Not Required)

### Software:

- Additional software, plug-ins, or downloads (Not Required)
- Internet access (minimum 56 Kbps/dial-up)

### Browser:

- Any modern web browser (i.e. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, etc.)
- JavaScript and cookies must be enabled

### Operating System:

Compatible with all major operating systems (Windows, UNIX, Mac, IBM, etc.)

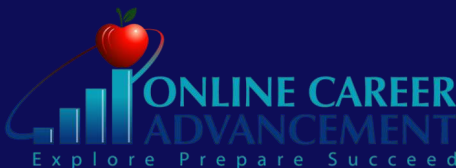
## Nature of the Industry

(US Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Combining medical technology and the human touch, the health care industry administers care around the clock, responding to the needs of millions of people—from newborns to the critically ill.



*Industry organization.* About 580,000 establishments make up the health care industry; they vary greatly in terms of size, staffing patterns, and organizational structures. Nearly 77 percent of health care establishments are offices of physicians, dentists, or other health practitioners. Although hospitals constitute only 1 percent of all health care establishments, they employ 35 percent of all workers

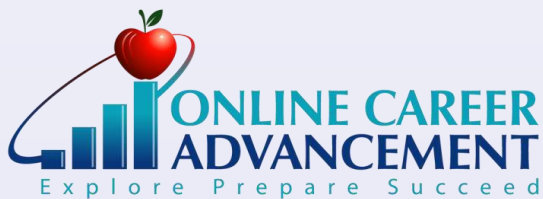


No matter which career choice you make, you will need to be academically prepared.

Online Career Advancement programs will prepare you to successfully pursue the most in demand medical careers in areas such as dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, and more.

### Free Program Preview

You can preview our program at no cost or obligation during a trial period that allows you to take an in-depth look at each of the program modules, or courses, and experience the ease of navigation and features of the secure learning management system.



**"I am very thankful that this low cost comprehensive health care academic preparation program from Online Career Advancement was available for my son."**

Sarah Gomes, New York



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