



PEI Healthcare Sector in 2010

Definition:

Healthcare is the science and art of diagnosing, treating, and preventing disease and injury.

Number of people employed:

As the population ages, the average age of healthcare workers is increasing. As in almost every sector, there will soon come a day when there will be more healthcare workers retiring than there are new entrants to the workforce taking their place.

- The **Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey** for November 2009 says there are **8,200** people working in healthcare and social assistance.
- According to the **PEI Statistical Review 2008**, **5,300** people worked in the healthcare field in 2008.
- There are about 65 job categories in healthcare. Most of the jobs within each category are in demand.

Where are healthcare workers employed?

Here are some samples of PEI employers:

Government employers:

Electronic Health Information System
Environmental Health Department
Provincial Diabetes program
Health Cards
Immunization
Nutrition
Provincial Drug Cost
Home Care
Dental Public Health clinics
Public Health Nursing
Provincial nursing home
Provincial Pharmacy
Beechwood Community Health Centre, O'Leary
Central Queens Family Health Centre, Hunter River
Central Queens Satellite Gulf Shore Family Health Centre, Rustico
Eastern Kings Family Health Centre, Souris
Four Neighbourhoods Community Health Centre, Charlottetown
Harbourside Family Medical Centre, Summerside

Eight hospitals on PEI:

Hillsborough Hospital
Prince County Hospital
Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Community Hospital, O'Leary
Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague
Western Hospital, Alberton
Stewart Memorial Hospital, Tyne Valley
Souris Hospital

Not-for-profit organizations:

Canadian Blood Services - www.blood.ca
CNIB - www.cnib.ca
Red Cross - www.redcross.org

Ambulance Services:

Island EMS - www.islandems.ca

Private home care:

Home Instead Senior Care
We Care Home Health Services

Nursing and Community Care Homes:

West Prince: Lady Slipper Villa, Tignish Seniors Home Care Cooperative,
Rev. W.J. Phillips Residence, Valley Lodge

East Prince: Andrews Summerside, Perrins Clinton View Lodge, MacEwan Mews,
La Cooperative le Chez Nous Ltee, Kensington Community Care Home,
Miscouche Villa, Park Hill Place, South Shore Villa

Queens: 22 listed, including Whisperwood Villa, Valley House, Smith Lodge, PEI Atlantic
Baptist, Park West Lodge, Grafton House, Garden Home, etc.

Kings: Bayview Lodge, Carroll's Lodge, MacKinnon Pines, Perrins Marina Villa, French
Creek Lodge, Dr. John Gillis Memorial

and more

Naturopaths:

David M Collins
Gretchen Maclean
Lana McMurrer
PEI Naturopathic Medical Clinic - Susan Plourde
Tracy Pollard
Kali Simmonds
Marilyn Yap-Yu

Pharmacies:

Murphy's Pharmacy
Shopper's Drug Mart
Friendly Pharmacy
Sherwood Drug Mart
Lawtons Pharmacy
and more

Massage Therapy:

Atlantic Therapeutic Massage
Absolutely Fabulous
Karen Banfill - Montague
Bodyworks: Kim White
Nova Therapeutics
Carolyn MacGuigan
Donna Chaisson - Tignish
Charlottetown Massage Therapy - six registered massage therapists
David Collins
Laura Dear
PEI Sports Massage - Janice Malcom
and more

Physiotherapists: (about 65)

Sports Centre Physiotherapy
Charlottetown Physiotherapy Centre

Chiropractors: (10 to 20)

(10 chiropractors listed in phone book for across PEI, including)
Dr. Vincent Adams, Summerside
Dr. Elizabeth Bagnell, Charlottetown
Dr. Roderick Belyea
Dr. Darren MacLean
Dr. Ellen MacPhee

Audiologist:

Audiology Associates - Charlottetown and Summerside
Island Audiology Inc. - Charlottetown - Mary Lou Hughes
Audiologist for Public Health Department

Podiatrist: requires a 4-year degree. Does diagnosis, surgical procedures, x-rays
other designation: Chiropodist: requires a post-secondary diploma. Cannot diagnose, do surgery
or x-rays

Dr. Bettles, chiropodist/podiatrist - Charlottetown
Dr Brian Johnson – Charlottetown and Summerside

Dentists: about 80 listed in the phone book - work in clinics with other dentists or alone

Dental Hygienist - (about 70 on PEI)

Dental Assistant - (about 145 on PEI)

Orthodontist: (braces)

Dr. Porter

Dr. Stewart Matheson

Dr. John McManaman

Oral & Maxiofacial Surgeons:

Dr Habbi

Dr. Gretory Mitton

Denturist: (about 20)

Accu-bite Denture Clinic, Montague and Stratford

Bernard's Denture Service

Rhyno Denture Clinic

Summerside Denture Clinic

Orthotics:

QEH

Island Orthotics Ltd.

Footech

Opticians (about 38) & Optometrists (about 20) & Opthamologists:

Vogue Optical

Matheson Eyewear

Family Vision Centre

Hunter River Vision Clinic

Island Optical

Boyles

Sample jobs and wages:

From Health Careers Booklet - yearly salary - **in pink**

From www.labourmarketinformation.ca - info in hourly wages - **in green**

Registered Nurse	(53,000 to 64,584)	\$27.18-\$33.12 per hour
Family Physician	(\$148, 925 +++)	\$79.45 to \$88.95 per hour
Laboratory Technologist	(\$40,000 to \$57,000)	\$19.95 to \$29.25 per hour
Pharmacist	(\$78,331 to \$90,000)	\$40.50 to \$46.50 per hour
Addiction counsellor	(\$31,414 to \$36,635)	No information
Community Residential Worker	(\$32,000 to 35,470)	No information
Psychiatrist	(\$130,000 +++)	Under specialist physician \$95.95 to \$144.20 per hour
Biomedical Engineer	(\$38,000 to \$50,000)	No information
Medical Radiation Therapist	(\$56,300 to \$66,400)	\$22.35 to \$38.00 per hour
Denturist	(approx \$48,516)	no information

Top jobs in demand:

Nurse
Physician
Medical Laboratory Technologist
Health Records Technician
Medical Secretary
Diagnostic Sonographer
Magnetic Resonance Technologist
Denturist
Prosthetics/Orthotics
Biomedical Engineer
Medical Physicists
Cytotechnologist
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
EEG/EMG Technician
Psychologist
Respiratory Therapist
Social Worker
Radiation Therapist
Speech Language Pathologist
and more

*It is commonly known that most healthcare jobs are in demand world-wide.

Education available in the Atlantic provinces:

Medical Doctor:	Dalhousie, Memorial University, Newfoundland
Pharmacist:	Dalhousie University, 4 years
Pharmacy Assistant:	Eastern College - 56 weeks
Medical Laboratory Technologist:	2-3 year program at New Brunswick Community College Saint John or Nova Scotia Community College Dartmouth
Registered Nurse:	UPEI School of Nursing - 4-year program Also accelerated nursing degree for people who already have a nursing degree - can get degree in as little as 2 years
Masters in Nursing:	Dalhousie University, NS, or Memorial University, NL
Licensed Practical Nurse:	Holland College - 2 year program
Resident Care Worker:	Holland College, Marguerite Connolly Training and Consulting, Eastern College, and Le Collège Acadie
Visiting Home Maker:	Secondary school, first aid certificate
Dental Assistant:	Holland College - 14 months
Medical Secretary:	Holland College - 16 months
Health Unit Coordinator (ward clerk, unit secretary):	Holland College and Eastern College
Paramedicine:	
(Primary Care Paramedic):	Holland College - 10 months
Advanced Care Paramedic:	Holland College - 13 months

Skills and interests required to work in the sector:

- Interest and good marks in math and science.
- Medical schools are now looking for candidates with not only good academic marks, but well-rounded individuals with work and volunteer experience in an area of healthcare.
- You don't need a degree in Science to get into medical school. Many people have gone from a music education into medicine.
- To explore careers in healthcare, volunteering could be in a hospital, nursing home, youth group, or non-profit organization.

To further explore the field of Healthcare:

PEI Health Sector Council:	www.peihsc.ca
PEI Job Futures:	www.pei.jobfutures.org
Job Futures:	www.jobfutures.ca
Provincial Healthcare jobs:	www.gov.pe.ca/jobs
PEI Health Recruitment and Retention Secretariate:	www.healthjobspei.ca
PEI Medical Society:	www.mspei.org
Association of Registered Nurses of PEI:	www.arnpei.ca
PEI Nurses Union:	www.peinu.com
Licensed Practical Nurses Association of PEI:	www.lpna.ca
PEI Society of Medical Technologists:	www.peismt.org
PEI Association of Naturopathic Doctors:	www.peiand.com