

# CAREER PATHWAYS



## DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Careers in the Diagnostic Services pathway focus on testing and examining patients to help diagnose their illness or injury. Someone in this pathway may not directly interact with patients, but that depends on the occupation they choose. These careers work closely with other medical professionals to help guide the plan of care for each patient. From blood samples to x-rays, these diagnostic tools help patients in hospitals and outpatient facilities.

Consider a career in the Diagnostic Services pathway if you would like to:

- Perform MRI, x-ray, or ultrasound procedures
- Analyze laboratory results
- Draw blood
- Explain diagnostic procedures to patients

In general, someone in this pathway will need to be trained on using the proper equipment to run tests and evaluations. In addition, many states require professional to obtain a certification, registration, or licensure.

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Phlebotomists
- Radiologists and Radiology Technicians
- Pathologist
- Histology Technicians
- Physician Assistants
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Dental Laboratory Technician

## POTENTIAL EARNINGS

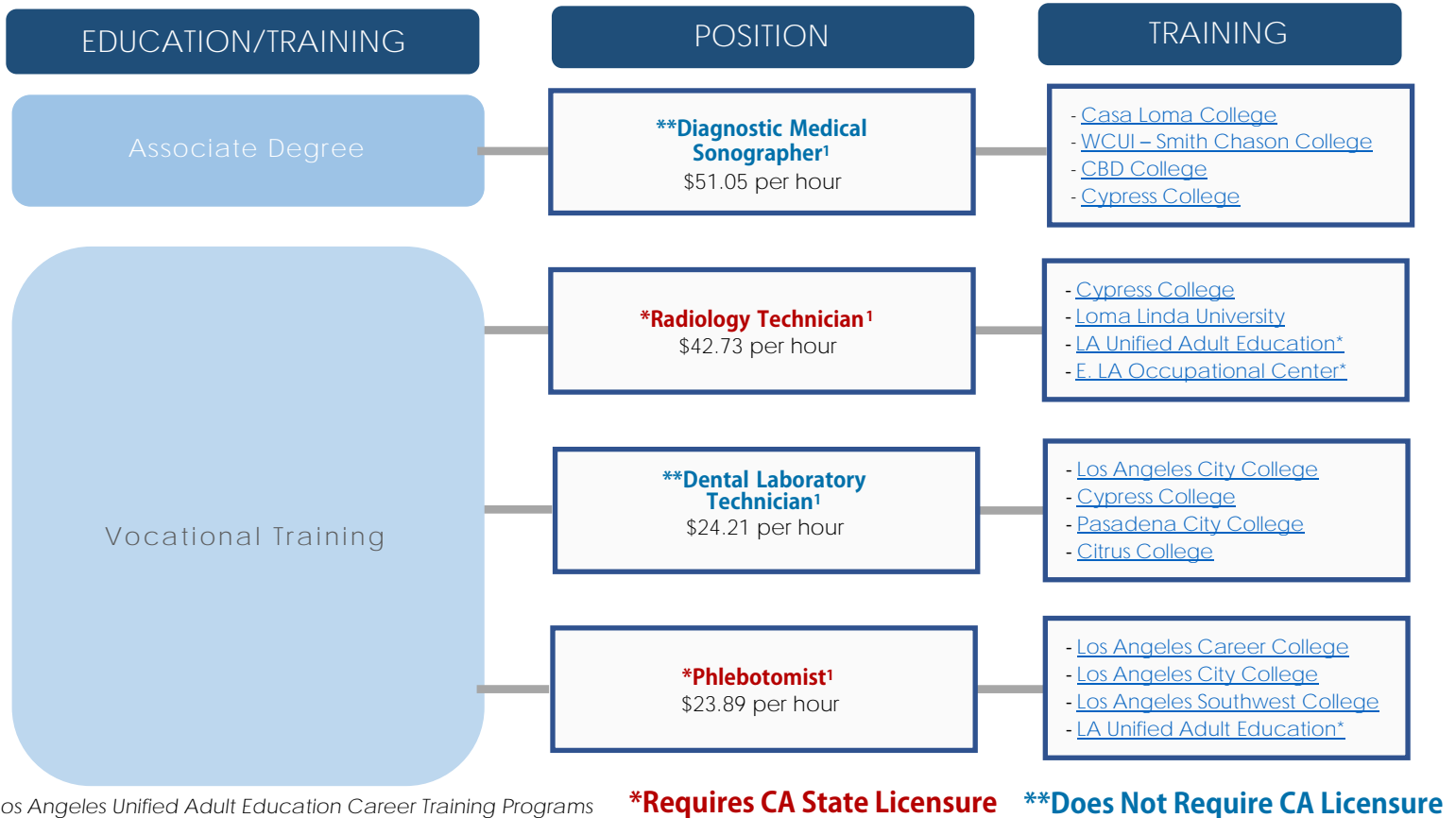


High School Diploma/GED:  
\$23.89/hour; \$49,700/year



Advanced Degree w/Specialization:  
\$154,29/hour; \$320,927/year

# EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS



## EDUCATION & TRAINING PARTNERS

### Vocational Training & Associate Degree Programs



- [LA City College](#)
  - Requirements: High School Diploma or GED. Open admissions policy.
  - \$0 Tuition – free to apply. Financial Aid Available. \$23,540 estimated CA Resident sticker price.
- [LA Unified Adult Education Career Training Programs](#)
  - Requirements: Complete [application](#) to begin admissions process.
  - \$46 per unit. Not including book, fees and supplies. Average course is 3 units. Financial aid available.
- [Cypress College](#)
  - Requirements: Meet an Advisor, Submit application, entrance exam
  - Financial Aid available

## POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

### Phlebotomist

- Kaiser
- Cedars-Sinai
- UCLA Health
- County of Los Angeles

### Physician Assistant

- Kaiser
- Western Women's Medical Clinic
- UCLA Health
- UMMA Community Clinic

