

# Physician Fast Facts

Your journey to finding your path

## Physician

- Examine patients; take medical histories, prescribe medications, and order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests.
- Counsel patients on diet, hygiene, and preventive healthcare.
- They refer patients to a specialist in cases when the patient is suffering from something that only an expert can treat.

## Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree, & Medical Degree (M.D. or D.O.),
- Internship/residency & fellowship
- Licensure with State Medical Board

**2022 Median Salary is \$229,200+**

**3% job demand increase estimated between 2022-2032**

## Educational paths

Students often start as undergraduates in a premed program. Medical schools generally require students to have core knowledge of the life and physical sciences, English, and calculus.

## Undergrad degrees obtained by US employed Physicians and Surgeons:

- 48.7% Bachelor of Biology
- 14.4% Bachelor of Medicine
- 14.1% Physical Science

## Type of Physician degrees:

- Medical Doctor (M.D.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)

Both are 4-year Medical degrees after obtaining a bachelor's degree, allowing physicians and surgeons to use the same treatment methods. However, D.O.s may emphasize preventive medicine and holistic care.