

## Medical Careers are Promising as Demand Increases

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Medical careers are the fastest growing industry in the United States and online colleges offer lots of options for filling the need.

June 7, 2007 Birmingham, AL -- The latest government studies confirm that the medical careers industry is the fastest growing in the United States. A variety of factors, including longer life spans and an increasingly elderly population, have caused a shortage of educated medical professionals that experts agree will continue to grow over the next several decades.

For students considering medical careers, this news is especially exciting. The growing demand for qualified professionals includes a relatively new range of fields, from healthcare management to medical billing services. A few decades ago, these fields didn't have specialized degrees, but today hospitals, clinics and physicians are demanding experts with training in increasingly specialized areas because of the increasing complexity of management and billing practices.

Colleges and universities are answering the demand with associates and bachelor's degrees that train students for successful medical careers. Chris Freeman, Vice-President of Academics at Virginia College Online explains, "Our medical career programs are very popular with students who understand the growing need for medical and healthcare specialists."

"Our two year associate degree in healthcare reimbursement is one of our most popular programs. The medical records field is growing at a tremendous rate, and Virginia College Online is meeting that need. With the United States spending over \$500 billion every year on healthcare, medical careers relating to billing or management are a solid investment in your future."

With a variety of degrees available, Freeman notes that, "Many of our students complete a two-year program in order to begin their medical careers, then continue with a bachelor's degree program while working. Other students who hold a two-year degree from another institution such as a community college enroll in Virginia College Online to get their bachelor's degree. We do a credit review of all classes to determine which classes can be transferred and applied to the online degree program. We're always glad to help students complete their education with the least disruption to their work schedule. If they've already taken courses when they enroll at Virginia College Online, they may be well on their way to outstanding medical careers."

### About Virginia College Online

Virginia College Online currently offers careers relating to medical careers at both the associate and bachelor's degree levels. With the flexibility of being able to work full-time while preparing for another career or to pursue a degree without the cost of commuting, VCOonline continues to evolve to meet and exceed the expectations of the next generation of students. Virginia College is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools. For more information on Virginia College Online, please visit [www.vconline.edu/](http://www.vconline.edu/).

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