

# Popular health-care programs in Winnipeg

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From massage therapy to radiological technology, there are many career options in

health care in the province.

"These are the professions that are every bit as critical as doctors and nurses, but are often overlooked when discussing health care," said Bob Moroz, president of the Mani-

toba Association of Health Care Professionals. "My advice to students is to look beyond nursing and medicine and consider professions like occupational therapy, midwifery, technologists."

Many post-secondary schools in Winnipeg offer a range of programs that are rooted in helping others.

Though many health-care programs in the city have a high enrolment rate, the four-month medical laboratory assistant program at Herzing College is particularly popular.

The part-time program is especially a good fit for medical lab technologists and assistants from other countries whose credentials aren't recognized here.

"They come to us so they can continue working in the field," said Robin Day, the academic dean at Herzing.

The college takes a hands-on approach to teaching.

"Students practise with each other before they go practise with other people, whether it's brushing teeth or using equipment," said Nancy Scott, a health-care aide instructor at Herzing.

The nursing assistant program at Robertson College is also popular, particularly because students graduate with three diplomas. Students who go through the 42-week program get a health unit clerk, health-care aide and nursing assistant diploma.

"(Graduates) have not only the bedside care experience, but they have the administrative care experience so they can flip roles as needed," said Amanda Young, the head of health at Robertson.

The health-care programs at Robertson take a holistic approach to teaching.

"Holism means the person in entirety — mind, body spirit and the physical aspect," Young said.



**Radiological technology is just one of many health-care specializations.** SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES



**Robertson College's nursing assistant program is 42 weeks.**



**The massage therapist program at Wellington College has two program lengths to accommodate various lifestyles.**

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