

Medical Career Exploration: Doctors and Surgeons

Please title your Notebook Paper “Doctors”

Please use headphones or turn on closed captioning and watch the Video:

Medical Careers: How to become a doctor (2:23)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPCMP49TZ4M>

1. What is the first step to becoming a doctor?
2. What is a typical college major for someone who would like to be a doctor?
3. According to the video, what is a good GPA to have when applying to medical school?
4. When you finish 4 years of medical school is there anything else you need to do to become a doctor? Explain your answer.

Go to the U.S. Dept. of Labor <https://www.dol.gov/> and put “doctor” in the search bar. Click the first resource the pops up “Physicians and Surgeons Occupational Outlook”.

Research these questions: (Start with the “Summary” tab and work to the right)

1. According to the summary, what is the median yearly wage recorded for this profession?
2. Is this profession expected to grow, remain the same, or decrease in the coming years? Please cite the specific percentage listed.
3. Read through the “What they do” section. Note the different types of physicians and surgeons. Which of the listed specialties sounds the most interesting to you? Why?
4. You will be exploring some specialties later on in this course so please take note of a few others that you’d like to research further.

5. Read the section on work environment.
6. Under the “How to Become One” tab please read about education. How much education must a person receive to become a doctor?

7. Name some typical classes a med student would take in their first 2 years.

8. From the list of the “important qualities” name a few that you are naturally good at.

Which quality on the list are you most surprised to see there?

9. Describe any special licensure required in this field.

10. How do physicians qualify for a license to practice medicine?