

Who Does What? Answer Key

Profession	Ans.	Years of Training (After High School)	Profession	Ans.	Years of Training (After High School)
Dental hygienist TOTAL = 2 years	S	Two years at a technical college studying dental hygiene for an associate's degree	Forensic pathologist TOTAL = 12 years	Q	Four years of medical school after college, plus four years of training
Ophthalmologist TOTAL = 12 years	C	Four years of medical school after college, plus four years of training	Public health specialist TOTAL = 9 years	E	Four years of medical or dental school after college, and one year of training
Allergist/Immunologist TOTAL = 13 years	F	Four years of medical school after college, plus five years of training	Neurosurgeon TOTAL = 15 years	H	Four years of medical school after college, plus seven years of additional training
Nurse practitioner TOTAL = 10 years	G	Four years of nursing school after college, plus a two-year master's degree	Hospice physician TOTAL = 12–13 years	J	Four years of medical school after college, plus four to five years of training
Cardiologist TOTAL = 14 years	R	Four years of medical school after college, plus six years of training	Physical therapist TOTAL = 4–6 years	B	Minimum four-year college degree in physical therapy; some colleges offer an additional two-year master's degree; no medical school required
Child psychiatrist TOTAL = 13 years	D	Four years of medical school after college, plus five years of training	Radiology technician TOTAL = 2 years	A	Two-year training program after high school diploma or GED certificate is earned
Dermatologist TOTAL = 12 years	K	Four years of medical school after college, plus one year of dermatology internship and three years of additional residency	Pharmacist TOTAL = 6 years	I	Six years of college study, typically at a college of pharmacy, resulting in a doctor of pharmacy degree
Genetic counselor TOTAL = 6 years	N	Four years of undergraduate study, plus two-year master degree in genetic counseling	Registered dietitian TOTAL = 4+ years	P	Minimum of four years baccalaureate degree, plus completion of a program in dietetics
Emergency room doctor TOTAL = 11–12 years	T	Four years of medical school after college, plus three to four years of training	Phlebotomist TOTAL = 1–2 years	O	One to two years at vocational/technical school or community college
Internist TOTAL = 13 years	M	Four years of medical school after college, plus five years of training	Registered nurse TOTAL = 2–4 years	L	Two-year or four-year college programs that are combined with clinical practice in hospitals; master's degree required to teach or specialize