

# Saskatchewan Health Care Training Expansion

Backgrounder

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Saskatchewan's [Health Human Resources Action Plan](#) is based on four critical areas necessary to meet the province's health human resource needs: **Recruit, Train, Incentivize** and **Retain**. It recognizes the need to expand health care training opportunities. Eighteen health occupations have been identified as immediate priorities to help address chronic and urgent vacancies in key health professions.

## 18 Health Occupations – Over 550 New Training Seats

Saskatchewan Training Program	Current Seats	Post-Expansion Seats*	Post-secondary Institution(s)
Continuing Care Assistant / Health Care Aide	613	794	Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges, Dumont Technical Institute, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
Primary Care Paramedic	152	252	Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges
Licensed Practical Nurse / Indigenous Practical Nurse	408	468	Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges, Dumont Technical Institute, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
Pharmacy Technician	24	48	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Medical Laboratory Technologist	40	60	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Medical Radiation Technologist	20	40	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor	35	51	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Physical Therapist	40	55	University of Saskatchewan
Clinical Psychologist MSc/MA/PhD	11	41	University of Regina University of Saskatchewan
Medical Laboratory Assistant	16	21	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Interprovincial Training Program	Current Seats	Post-Expansion Seats*	Post-secondary Institution(s)
Respiratory Therapist	36	46	Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	24	40	Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Occupational Therapist	40	50	University of Alberta
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist	2	14	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Electro-Neurophysiologist	1	4	British Columbia Institute of Technology
Cardiovascular Perfusionist	1	2	British Columbia Institute of Technology
New Interprovincial Training Program	Current Seats	Post-Expansion Seats*	Post-secondary Institution(s)
Speech Language Pathologist	0	35	University of Alberta
Environmental Public Health (Inspectors)	0	4	British Columbia Institute of Technology

\*Most of the new seats will be available in fall 2023. The remaining seats will be available as instructor, facility, and equipment capacity is determined and as interprovincial agreements are finalized.