



Monthly Digest March 2022

CareerSource Pasco Hernando News, Events and Highlights

CareerSource Pasco Hernando Unemployment Stats

Pasco: 3.2%
Hernando: 3.8%
Florida: 3.1%

(not seasonally adjusted)



Virtual Contacts 65,957

(Jul. 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022)

**1,092 Individuals have found Employment as a
Direct Result of CareerSource Pasco Hernando.**

(Jul. 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022)

Business Served 4,870

(Jul. 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022)

Ask How We Can Help You Find Employment Today!

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In the News

Working Together Towards a Better Tomorrow!



Success Story about two Fire Academy Students Chris Gargulio and Farren Ferraro

“I had spent the previous decade cooking professionally, and was sick and tired of it. I needed a career I could be proud of. A career I could feel fulfilled by when I go to sleep at night. A career where I could give back to the community that has given so much to me.

I knew fire fighting was the right choice for me. I just wasn't quite sure on how to achieve that goal. With CareerSource Pasco Hernando's, and especially Kathleen Rouge's help with the WIOA Program... I was able to achieve that dream. Fire academy is a long and arduous process. There are multitudes of requirements to meet before they even let you in! With CareerSource Pasco Hernando's guidance I was able to get everything in order and fund my entrance into the academy.

Throughout the academy Kathleen kept in near constant contact with myself and Farren Ferraro, her other WIOA Student. Without Kathleen's unwavering support and unbeatable optimism, I'm not sure if we could have made it through the grueling process that is Pasco Hernando State College's fire academy.

Now that the certification process is finished, I'm proud to say that both Farren and I are both “Career Fire Fighter/EMTS for Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services!

Without CareerSource Pasco Hernando and Kathleen Rouge, I doubt either of us would have been able to achieve our dream. Now we are actively serving our community. Both Farren and I are extremely appreciative of the support we've received and are truly humbled by the kindness, pride and optimism Kathleen has given us along the way."

-Chris Fargulio

Upcoming Events

Meeting at the Public Library

April 26, 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm

Meet with a career specialist at the local library, walk-in for more information.



Location: 5740 Moog Rd, Holiday, FL 34690 at 10am - 12pm on Tuesday and Thursdays.

For additional information contact (727)484-3378.

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Service Spotlight

Employers - Let Us Help You!

Looking for that special talent for a new



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position?

Look no further, our Talent Marketplace is designed to help you find and recruit the right talent.

[For More Information about Internship Opportunities Click Here!](#)

In the News

The efforts of the CareerSource Florida network to help Floridians during this challenging time have been featured across the state including:

Florida Politics: [“Soft skills’ in demand as employers fight for workers](#)

WJCT: [Job Seekers Facing Unemployment Benefit Cuts Encouraged to Act Now](#)

Articles of Interest

This section features workforce-related articles that may be of interest to you and your team and/or stakeholders.

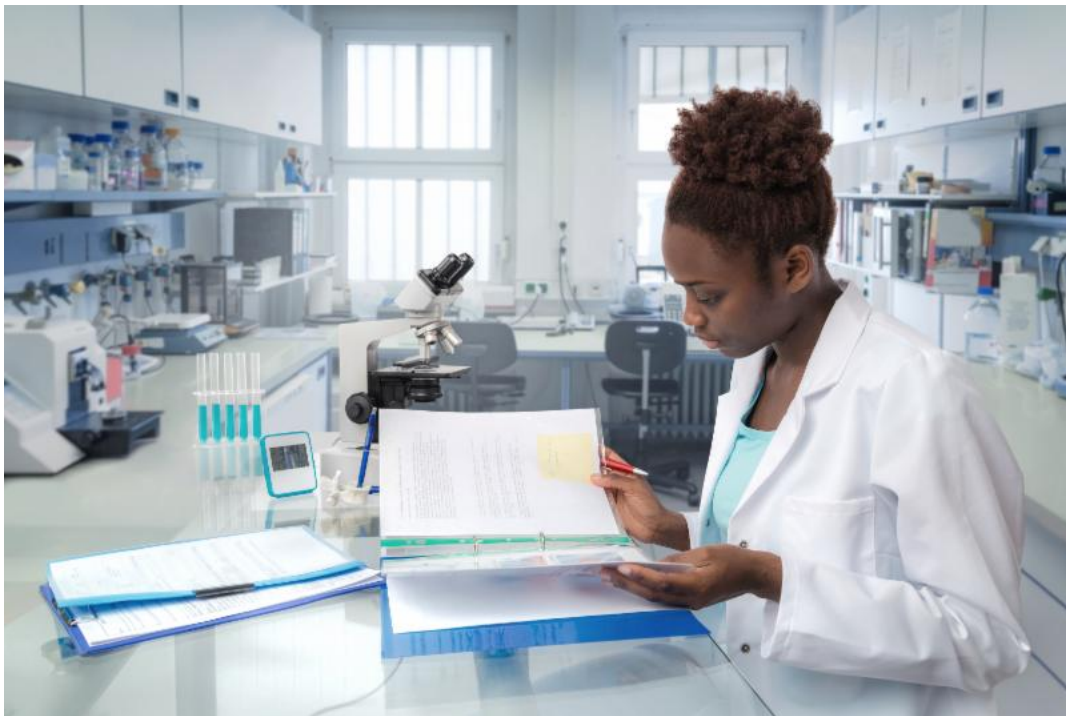
CNN: [Economies in These States are Actually Stronger Than They Were Before Covid](#)

Forbes: [As Businesses Prepare for the Future of Work, the Need to Upskill and Reskill Workers Becomes More Essential](#)

Entrepreneur: [How Post-Pandemic Business Trends Will Shape the World](#)

Spectrum News 13: [U.S. Seeing a Spike in the Number of Teens in the Workforce, Data Shows](#)

Blog Highlight



Florida Prepares for Health Care Industry's Talent Needs

HERE ARE THE SKILLS AND PROFESSIONS MOST IN DEMAND

The health care and life sciences industry represents a major opportunity for Florida employers and career seekers at every level.

Florida is expected to [gain 6 million residents by 2030](#), which means the state must add 2 million jobs to remain at 5 percent unemployment. State leaders have identified health care and life sciences as a target industry with potential for high-wage jobs and overall economic impact, but the industry is evolving.

Technological advances, patient expectations and medical research have increased demand for specialized workers. [Career seekers](#) must also demonstrate proficiency in communication, customer service, organization and critical thinking.

CareerSource Pasco Hernando is leading the way in this landscape by anticipating the needs of both [employers](#) and employees.

As a starter for our discussion, here is a snapshot of the health care and life sciences industry and its talent demands based on the [Florida Jobs 2030](#) report by the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

[The basics](#)

The health care and life sciences industry represents 8.4 percent of Florida’s gross state product and about 810,000 jobs. The number of jobs is expected to grow by 9 percent through 2021.

Health care anchors this industry with the state’s 700+ hospitals and other health care facilities. The sector also includes medical device manufacturing, pharmaceutical manufacturing and biotechnology.

Educational demands

Of the state’s target industries, health care and life sciences has the highest number of occupations that require a postsecondary degree or credential (66 percent). Biotechnology, for example, is projected to grow by 25 percent in Florida with most of the increase in occupations that require a bachelor’s degree. Nurses with bachelor’s degrees also will be needed to serve the state’s large and aging population.

Entry-level and medium-level employees will be in demand in supporting roles as:

- Medical assistants,
- Medical secretaries,
- Billing and posting clerks and
- Medical records and health information technicians.

Within pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing, there are expected opportunities for:

- Machinists,
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics,
- Dental laboratory assistants and

Identified gaps

The occupations with the highest projected gaps between supply and demand in the next eight years include:

- Physical therapists,
- Medical and clinical laboratory technologists,
- Billing and posting clerks,
- Health technologists and technicians and
- Dental hygienists

Note that the majority of the occupations are not in direct patient care roles.

Talent pipeline

One of the challenges in developing talent for the future will be encouraging more students to consider occupations in demand through career counseling and awareness. But companies also have opportunities to help current employees advance through [employer-led training and credentialing](#).

[Internships](#), which benefit both the employer and career seeker, have long been a source of talent within the health care and life sciences industry.

Geography

Miami and Tampa have the largest number of jobs in health care and life sciences, but the areas with the greatest projected job growth over the next five years are: The Villages (24 percent), Ocala (15 percent) and Okeechobee (15 percent), with the retirement-age population driving much of the increase. The Gainesville area, meanwhile, is an identified growth locale for medical device companies.

With a wide range of jobs available, health care and life sciences will be an important industry within Florida for many years to come. At CareerSource Pasco Hernando, we stand ready to assist employers and career seekers.

Please [contact us today](#) and let us know how we can help you.

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