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## MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER

**HIGH-DEMAND**  
Job in Kansas



In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Emmy visits CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness in Emporia to learn about a job that helps kids and adults manage their emotions: a mental health provider. She talks with Maria, a clinical social worker, and the two discuss what led Maria to get into this field, why the job is so important and how you can get started on this meaningful career.

Mental health providers deliver treatment and help people work through their emotions. Some experts specialize in areas like helping people with substance abuse issues or behavioral disorders.

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. What's one other therapy career mentioned in this episode?

Clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, school counselor, licensed professional counselor

2. Look at the colored map showing the prevalence of mental illness and access to care. What color is Kansas on the map?

Red

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning "no way" and 10 meaning "this seems like a great job for me someday," how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

5. Find the Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder and Mental Health Counselor page on the **HirePaths.com** website. What's the growth projection for this job both in Kansas and nationally?

Extreme growth



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## MEDICAL IMAGING TECHNICIAN

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In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Raisa gets a close-up look into the world of medical imaging at Stormont Vail Health. She learns how ultrasounds are used to help people and how ultrasound machines use some of the same technology as other machines.

Medical imaging technicians take X-rays and CAT scans or administer blood tests to help diagnose medical conditions or to do research.

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

### Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. True or false: X-rays are usually the first kind of machine that imaging technicians learn to use. *Circle one.*



X  
**FALSE**

2. What two courses should you take in high school to prepare for this job?

Biology and anatomy

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning “no way” and 10 meaning “this seems like a great job for me someday,” how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

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*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

5. Find the Medical Imaging Technologist page on **HirePaths.com**. What is one soft skill needed to do this job?

Communication, management, customer service, compassion, leadership, operations



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## REGISTERED NURSE

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In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Kamryn steps into his dream role: the heroic world of nursing. Join us as Kamryn dons scrubs and a stethoscope to follow Marissa, a registered nurse at Stormont Vail Health in Topeka. The duo covers everything from how to get started in health care to the perks of the job. Start watching, stat!

Registered nurses provide and coordinate patient care, plus they educate patients and the public about various health conditions.

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. True or false: Nurses work in every city, state and nation in the world. *Circle one.*



X  
FALSE

2. What's one way Marissa says you can prepare for this job?

Take science courses, take math courses, volunteer at a hospital, job shadow a nurse, take a CNA

training class

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning "no way" and 10 meaning "this seems like a great job for me someday," how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

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*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

5. Find the Registered Nurse page on the **HirePaths.com** website. What's the median salary for this job in Kansas?

\$62,550