

HEALTH CARE AND LONG-TERM CARE IN DURHAM REGION

WHAT IS THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR?

The Healthcare sector includes public and private companies involved in medical diagnosis, treatment and care as well as social assistance. Counselling, welfare, child care, child protection, community housing and food services, and disability or vocational services are all part of the Healthcare sector.



WHAT IS THE LONG-TERM CARE SECTOR?

The Long-Term Care sector includes the public and private companies that provide living accommodation and support for people who require supervised care. Long-Term Care facilities offer nursing, rehabilitation, health and social services along with meals, laundry, and housekeeping.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HEALTHCARE AND LONG-TERM CARE IN DURHAM REGION?

About 14% of jobs in Durham Region are in the growing Healthcare and Social Assistance sector. It is the second largest employment sector in the region with almost 40,000 workers. Durham's 15 private and four public Long-Term Care homes care for approximately 2,700 residents. Many Durham Region residents are on a waitlist of almost 5,000 people needing long-term care.



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WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE IN HEALTHCARE IN DURHAM REGION?

The largest number of jobs in the sector can be found in ambulatory and health-care services, registered nursing, psychiatric nursing, and in hospitals. Lakeridge Health, with over 7,000 workers, is among the top ten employers in Durham Region and the biggest employer in the city of Oshawa.



WHAT ABOUT JOBS IN LONG-TERM CARE?

There are 3,500 employees working in Long-Term Care in Durham Region, and over half are Personal Support Workers (PSWs). They are an important part of providing care for residents, but the Long-Term Care sector is facing a critical shortage of PSWs.

WHERE CAN I GET THE EDUCATION I NEED FOR A JOB IN HEALTHCARE OR LONG-TERM CARE?

Contact the Literacy Network of Durham Region to learn about free programs where you can upgrade your skills and work towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or General Educational Development (GED) certificate.

When you are ready for further education, Durham Region is a hub for health training education and research. Durham College and Ontario Tech University both offer programs to help you prepare for a job in Healthcare or Long-Term Care, and Lakeridge Health has partnered with more than 80 post-secondary institutions to help train the next generation of healthcare providers in Durham Region.

