

**A CHOOSE.** Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from the box.

CNA      nursing home      orderly



1. He's an \_\_\_\_\_.



2. She's a \_\_\_\_\_.



3. They live in a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Healthcare Jobs in the U.S.

Many people in the U.S. work in healthcare. How many? More than 12 million.

The biggest number of jobs in healthcare is for nurses. They work in hospitals, doctors' offices, schools, and 5 nursing homes. You need a lot of training to be a nurse. Nurses go to school for many years.

That is not true for all jobs in healthcare. For some jobs, a high school diploma is enough. For example, you can be an orderly or a CNA. (CNA means "certified 10 nursing assistant.") Most orderlies get training on the job. CNAs take a training course and an exam.

The U.S. has more than 1.5 million CNAs and orderlies. They work in hospitals and nursing homes. They need to be strong because sometimes they lift 15 patients out of bed. They also help people eat, wash, or get dressed.

Hospitals and nursing homes need other kinds of workers, too. They need cooks, housekeepers, custodians, and electricians. They need clerks to do 20 office work.

Healthcare in the U.S. is growing. It will need more workers in the future.

**Top Jobs in the U.S.**

|    | What's the job?          | How many people do it? | How much money do they make in a year? |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. | Sales assistant          | 4.5 million            | about \$25,000                         |
| 2. | Cashier                  | 3.3 million            | about \$20,000                         |
| 3. | Food preparer and server | 3.0 million            | about \$19,000                         |
| 4. | Office assistant         | 2.8 million            | about \$30,000                         |
| 5. | Registered nurse         | 2.7 million            | about \$69,000                         |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

1. More than \_\_\_\_\_ million people work in healthcare in the U.S.  
 a. 12                                      b. 15                                      c. 21                                      -
2. You need many years of school to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. a CNA                                      b. an orderly                                      c. a nurse                                      -
3. \_\_\_\_\_ do office work in hospitals.  
 a. Clerks                                      b. Housekeepers                                      c. Electricians                                      -
4. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ jobs in healthcare in the future.  
 a. more                                      b. the same number of                                      c. not so many                                      -

**B INTERPRET.** Complete the sentences about the chart.

1. The chart shows \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S.  
 a. the jobs with the most workers                      b. who makes the most money                      c. the best jobs
2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ nurses in the U.S.  
 a. 2.7 million                      b. 7 million                      c. 12 million
3. There are more nurses in the U.S. than \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. cashiers                      b. office assistants                      c. doctors
4. Most nurses make about \_\_\_\_\_ a year.  
 a. \$39,000                      b. \$69,000                      c. \$89,000

Complete the summary with the words in the box.

|     |            |        |          |
|-----|------------|--------|----------|
| CNA | healthcare | nurses | training |
|-----|------------|--------|----------|

More than 12 million people in the U.S. work in (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The biggest number of jobs are for (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They need a lot of (3) \_\_\_\_\_, but you can be a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ or an orderly after you finish high school. There are many other jobs in healthcare, too.