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Health Care Jobs a Good Retraining Choice for Injured Workers in Nevada

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The Health Care Quarterly report in the recent issue of "[Las Vegas In Business](#)" has some good news for injured workers deciding which retraining program is most likely to lead to actual employment in the future. Health care employment was up 2,300 jobs from last year according to a research analyst. The health care industry is recession-resistant because these are crucial jobs and because the health care industry is funded by either insurance or government programs. The industry expects more jobs with the opening of the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health.

Health care employees generally earn above-average wages depending on their level of training. While state budget cuts in Nevada are affecting health care jobs also, and no one knows how the health care industry will be affected with federal health care reform, these jobs are still a solid career choice.

There are several vocational schools in Las Vegas that offer health care job training. Talk to your vocational rehab counselor, and your attorney, about which schools are reputable and which assist their students in job placement. Make sure you visit several schools and sit in on a few classes before deciding which school and which retraining program is best for you.

After you are enrolled in a retraining program, immediately start thinking ahead to when the retraining program will end. Only 28 days of benefits are paid when the formal retraining program concludes, and if you are not successful in finding a job right away, you are left without any income. That means that you need to begin job search efforts **before** the school portion of the program ends. Click on [this link](#) where I found some good suggestions for networking and using existing contacts for referrals to potential employers who may be hiring.

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