

# What is Allied Health and Who are Allied Health Care Professionals?

Allied health is defined as those health professions that are non-nurse and non-doctor health care providers, including audiologists and speech language pathologists; physical therapists, occupational therapists and respiratory therapists; diagnostic medical personnel (medical laboratory scientists, cytotechnologists); and others. Others often included in allied health include dental personnel (dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants); emergency medical personnel (EMTs, paramedics);

exercise science professionals (athletic trainers, exercise physiologists, kinesiotherapists); health information technologists; health educators (asthma educators, diabetes educators); counselors (genetic counselors, mental health counselors, family therapists); specialists in