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Back in April I wrote a story about one of the fastest growing jobs in the country: physician assistants. Locally, Jefferson College of Health Sciences has seen first hand the impact of this trend as applications to its program have skyrocketed. Today, the college graduates its first students from the master’s degree program.

Graduation is at 10 a.m. today and will include 38 students from the physician assistant program, according to a news release issued by the college. Jefferson College is owned by Carilion Clinic and the addition of the physician assistant program is part of a recent expansion of programs being offered by the private college.

Graduates typically earn about $76,000 a year in their first jobs. The mean income for all physician assistants was $93,105 in 2009, according to the American Academy of Physician Assistants.


Physician assistants are seen by many as a way to address the doctor shortages being projected in several fields, including primary care. Experts have said that the demand for physician assistants could grow even more as more people are added to the insurance rolls under health reform. Others see similar demand and growth trends for nurse practitioners.

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