

This month's events, news and highlights for
Pasco and Hernando counties' businesses and job seekers.



Monthly Digest: May 2021

CareerSource Pasco Hernando News, Events and Highlights

CareerSource Pasco Hernando Unemployment Stats

Pasco: 5.0%
Hernando: 5.7%
Florida: 5.1%

(not seasonally adjusted)



Virtual Contacts 126,894

**1,809 Individuals have found Employment as a
Direct Result of CareerSource Pasco Hernando.**

In the News

Working Together Towards a Better Tomorrow!



Left to Right: Citrus County Sheriff, Mike Prendergast and Deputy Levi Garrison, receiving the Medal of Valor.

“I can’t thank you enough for your support, and a massive THANK YOU to you as well!”

Levi came to CareerSource Pasco Hernando in 2019, a year after completing High School. He was working at one point as a Powder coater/painter, in addition to other various positions. Levi was also running his father’s business in Lawn Maintenance, and attended Withlacoochee Technical College for Law Enforcement.

Levi choose a career in Law Enforcement, as his father had. After Levi completed his training in a short seven months, he was hired at the Citrus County Sheriff’s Department.

“Again, I can’t thank you enough for all your kind words!!! I too am glad everything worked out well in a situation that had all the terrible ingredients to end much worse. I am so grateful and blessed to have such great family, friends and support group along side of me in this career.

My biggest THANK YOU to you and all the staff you work with, and the great opportunities you are able to help facilitate. I’m just happy that I’m able to do my best in representing all that have helped get me to the place I am, and plan to be one day!!”

“Again, a HUGE thank you!” - Levi

Upcoming Events

New Live Online FREE PowerPoint Workshop

June 18, 2021
9:00am - 11:00am



Students will learn to create presentations, add new slides, and know the difference between slide layouts and how to change the layout.

We will show students how to navigate through each slide with ease, as well as save, close and open files and select, edit, redo and undo slides and objects. We talk about the various slide views, how to bullet content within a slide, change designs, add objects and create a photo album.

These workshops are for those familiar with basic computer tasks.

If you have your own laptop with MS Office 2016 or 2019 and Windows 10, you are welcome to use it during the workshop.

All workshops are now live online, and instructor-led via Zoom video conferencing.

For those wishing for a hands on experience vs. presentation style, you will need a computer (Windows PC laptop or desktop), A second monitor (your smart TV will work), and a connection cable between your monitor and computer (unless you can Bluetooth them).

If you need help getting connected and navigating multiple displays, log in at 8:30am to the Zoom meeting. The link to login will be emailed to you the day prior and we will help you.

If you do not have the equipment, no worries, you can still watch along with us, and learn lots of great things as well.

Class start time is promptly at 9:00am and runs approximately 2 hours.

Please click on this link prior to your first online workshop for a brief tutorial on how to navigate Zoom live online video conferencing.

<http://web5.lib.pacificu.edu/zoom/students/>

[For More Information about PowerPoint Workshop Click Here!](#)

Service Spotlight

Employers - Let Us Help You!



Help is here

Looking for that special talent for a new position?

Look no further, our Talent Marketplace is designed to help you find and recruit the right talent.

[For More Information about Internship Opportunities Click Here!](#)

Blog Highlight



Florida Prepares for Health Care Industry's Talent Needs

HERE ARE THE SKILLS AND PROFESSIONS MOST IN DEMAND

The health care and life sciences industry represents a major opportunity for Florida employers and career seekers at every level.

Florida is expected to [gain 6 million residents by 2030](#), which means the state must add 2 million jobs to remain at 5 percent unemployment. State leaders have identified health care and life sciences as a target industry with potential for high-wage jobs and overall economic impact, but the industry is evolving.

Technological advances, patient expectations and medical research have increased demand for specialized workers. [Career seekers](#) must also demonstrate proficiency in communication, customer service, organization and critical thinking.

CareerSource Pasco Hernando is leading the way in this landscape by anticipating the needs of both [employers](#) and employees.

As a starter for our discussion, here is a snapshot of the health care and life sciences industry and its talent demands based on the [Florida Jobs 2030](#) report by the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

[The basics](#)

The health care and life sciences industry represents 8.4 percent of Florida's gross

state product and about 810,000 jobs. The number of jobs is expected to grow by 9 percent through 2021.

Health care anchors this industry with the state's 700+ hospitals and other health care facilities. The sector also includes medical device manufacturing, pharmaceutical manufacturing and biotechnology.

Educational demands

Of the state's target industries, health care and life sciences has the highest number of occupations that require a postsecondary degree or credential (66 percent). Biotechnology, for example, is projected to grow by 25 percent in Florida with most of the increase in occupations that require a bachelor's degree. Nurses with bachelor's degrees also will be needed to serve the state's large and aging population.

Entry-level and medium-level employees will be in demand in supporting roles as:

- Medical assistants,
- Medical secretaries,
- Billing and posting clerks and
- Medical records and health information technicians.

Within pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing, there are expected opportunities for:

- Machinists,
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics,
- Dental laboratory assistants and

Identified gaps

The occupations with the highest projected gaps between supply and demand in the next eight years include:

- Physical therapists,
- Medical and clinical laboratory technologists,
- Billing and posting clerks,
- Health technologists and technicians and
- Dental hygienists

Note that the majority of the occupations are not in direct patient care roles.

Talent pipeline

One of the challenges in developing talent for the future will be encouraging more students to consider occupations in demand through career counseling and awareness. But companies also have opportunities to help current employees advance through [employer-led training and credentialing](#).

[Internships](#), which benefit both the employer and career seeker, have long been a source of talent within the health care and life sciences industry.

Geography

Miami and Tampa have the largest number of jobs in health care and life sciences, but the areas with the greatest projected job growth over the next five years are: The Villages (24 percent), Ocala (15 percent) and Okeechobee (15 percent), with the retirement-age population driving much of the increase. The Gainesville area, meanwhile, is an identified growth locale for medical device companies.

With a wide range of jobs available, health care and life sciences will be an important industry within Florida for many years to come. At CareerSource Pasco Hernando, we stand ready to assist employers and career seekers.

Please [contact us today](#) and let us know how we can help you.

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