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a message from the Editor:

WELCOME TO THE FALL/WINTER 2006 ISSUE OF TODAY'S HEALTHCARE CAREERS.



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Welcome to the fall/winter issue of Today's Healthcare Careers magazine. In this issue, we offer you a combined publication with Career Choices magazine on the flip side, to provide you with a range of career options within healthcare and across other fields.

There are some professions that have been around for decades, yet their roles are not well known. Hearing instrument practitioners have been helping people with hearing loss for over 60 years. This college-level program can be taken at only a handful of colleges across the country and leads to a satisfying profession for those who are interested in helping people with hearing loss. Find out about how to become a hearing instrument practitioner and about the fascinating work they do every day.

Are you drawn to a career in healthcare but don't enjoy working hands-on? If you have a way with words, there's a lot of specialized work out there for you as a medical writer. Find out about this remarkable career path that can lead to work in publishing, research, pharmaceuticals, newspapers, academic writing and so much more.

Becoming a nurse of any kind requires both scientific learning and empathy for patients. Becoming a nurse who works with critically ill patients and their families raises the bar on both these requirements. Working in special settings such as critical care units, neonatal intensive care and trauma units is a fast-paced, exciting nursing specialty.

Have you ever thought about what eye care professionals need to know to perform their roles? There is much to learn beyond eye exams and dispensing glasses. Find out about the similarities and differences between opticians and optometrists and how both these valued professions help us maintain the health of our eyes.

The ability to communicate is one of the most important aspects of who we are. Communicative disorders assistants work alongside speech-language pathologists and audiologists to help both children and adults with communication disorders. Find out how this one-year diploma program can lead to an enriching career.

Whichever path you choose to take, we hope these articles inform and inspire you to look further, ask questions, and explore the breadth of opportunity open to you in the field of healthcare.

Enjoy!

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"With the gift of listening comes the gift of healing." – Catherine de Hueck

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