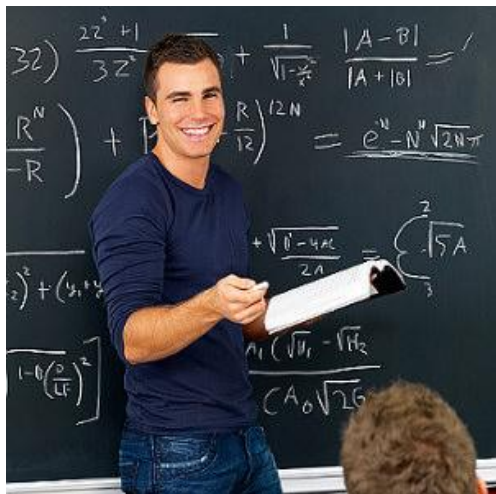


## Careers in Health Physics

### Academia



#### Description:

A health physics career in a college or university setting offers several options, from working in the radiation safety office to working your way to professor status while teaching classes.

A health physicist is a critical part of an academic organization, whether teaching undergraduate and graduate students about radiation or overseeing the safe use of radiation and radioactive materials throughout the university.

#### Requirements for the Following Positions in an Academic Setting<sup>1</sup>:

##### Professor of Health Physics

PhD in health physics or closely related field.

##### Radiation Safety Officer

Minimum BS in health physics, likely an MS at a larger university.

##### Technician

High school with some on-the-job training or an associate's or bachelor's degree at a larger university.

#### Average Annual Salary<sup>2</sup>: \$72,500

See the HPS Salary Survey at [hps.org/publicinformation/hpcareers.html](https://hps.org/publicinformation/hpcareers.html) (at bottom of web page).

#### Example Locations

- Large universities—nearly all use radioactive materials
- Veterinary schools
- Some smaller, private schools

<sup>1</sup>This is an example only. Some organizations may require graduate degrees.

<sup>2</sup>Increases by \$25,000 per year with certification by the American Board of Health Physics.