

# So You Want a Job in Healthcare

## Career Exploration Podcast

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- Joe Jaudon: [00:05](#) There's many opportunities in healthcare from nursing to respiratory therapy, radiology. There is a wide open field there. Both UH and I think the Cleveland clinic are both doing signing bonuses now for new respiratory therapists coming out of schools.
- Janet Maltbie: [00:21](#) Welcome to the career exploration podcast on college radio, heard round the world LCCCradio.com the Boom. My name is Janet Maltbie. We explore careers, college majors and more so you can be a success here on the LCCC campus and beyond. I believe completing a degree, pursuing passionate work and debt free living is key to your future. I'm here to help you on your journey and so are my guests today in our program. My special guest is Joe Jaudon. He is a respiratory therapist and currently works on the pulmonary floor at the Cleveland clinic. Joe began his career later in life and completed his degree through the Lorain County Community College and the Bowling Green State University partnership. Joe has eight year's experience working as a respiratory therapist. Welcome to the program, Joe Jaudon.
- Joe Jaudon: [01:10](#) Thank you, Janet. Glad to be here.
- Janet Maltbie: [01:11](#) Joe, you began your career later in life. Tell us about that. How did that all come about?
- Joe Jaudon: [01:17](#) Well, I worked for a company out on the East side of Cleveland that they had sort of a downturn down in back in 2008 and they laid off a bunch of their employees of which I was unfortunately one. And so, uh, I found myself at 58 years of age looking for a job.
- Janet Maltbie: [01:34](#) That must have been really challenging for you. And what was it like going back to school at your age?
- Joe Jaudon: [01:40](#) You know, the finances and all to make the change. It was going to be a bit of a challenge, but after some consideration, my wife

was working fortunately and we decided to go ahead with them.

Janet Maltbie: [01:51](#) What was it like being in the classroom with younger people?

Joe Jaudon: [01:54](#) Enjoyable. I mean, uh, I think that the working with younger folks puts a little spring in your step, so to speak.

Joe Jaudon: [02:00](#) And certainly learning was so exciting because the anatomy and science part of the education was so amazing just to be able to understand how our bodies work. So it was challenging, but at the same time just intensely interesting and fun. And I will say this, there's a big difference in the college experience when you're 18 and when you're 58. I certainly was a lot more focused at 58 years of age.

Janet Maltbie: [02:29](#) How many hours do you think you spent like a day, a normal day in studying?

Joe Jaudon: [02:33](#) Well, probably between four and six. You know, we were pretty much, um, pretty intensively during that time.

Janet Maltbie: [02:41](#) So what would you say to someone who, who's out of a job right now and it and thinks it's too late for them to go back to school?

Joe Jaudon: [02:50](#) I would say that there is a big opportunity. There's many opportunities in healthcare from nursing to respiratory therapy, radiology. There is a, a wide open field there, both UH and I think the Cleveland clinic are both doing signing bonuses now for new respiratory therapists coming out of schools. Uh, they're looking for people all the time and they would find an exciting field if they chose respiratory therapy.

Janet Maltbie: [03:17](#) So how are you feeling about all of this with the Coronavirus ?

Joe Jaudon: [03:23](#) It is kind of exciting in a way. It's certainly dangerous. I mean I think some people have more fear of it than others. We do have protective equipment to protect us, but it's kind of interesting to find ourselves on the front lines so to speak, of a pandemic. Here that we never expected and certainly a lot of these folks that we are treating are acutely ill. It was interesting that one of the patients that I had recently up on the floor had been positive. He had been in the ICU, had been intubated, had been removed from the ventilator and had um, gone on to recover. And I think he's home now. But I was listening to President Trump yesterday speak and he even mentioned the very guy

that I had talked to. He didn't mentioned him by name, but this gentleman had put on his window in his room a very nice note thanking the RT'S, the doctors, everybody who had had a impact in his recovery of how grateful he was for all that they had done. And very rewarding in that sense to see somebody recover.

Janet Maltbie: [04:32](#)

You know, you are putting yourself on the line here.

Joe Jaudon: [04:36](#)

Yes, I think, everybody is pretty much cognizant of it. I've heard statistics of in some places where as many as 25% of the healthcare staff in New York I believe has tested positive. It's not that bad at the Cleveland clinic. There's only one other RT that I know of that has come down with that's been positive. She's recovering at home right now. She's young. But um, yeah, it's a danger and uh, certainly, um, gives you pause to go about your day to day.

Janet Maltbie: [05:09](#)

Why are you doing this, Joe?

Joe Jaudon: [05:11](#)

For me personally, I mean I, I want to have a impact in other people's lives in a good way and I'm am excited at this particular time in life when there is such a need that I can have a part in that I'm excited about it. You know, you're foolish not realize that there is a danger, but the opportunity to be a help in other people's lives to me is really rewarding.

Janet Maltbie: [05:39](#)

Do you remember what that note said in that patient? Do you remember what it said?

Joe Jaudon: [05:45](#)

Yeah, just that he just wanted to thank all the doctors and nurses for all the care that they had given. He had been amazed by how well he had been cared for and he put at the bottom of notice Coronavirus a zero and then he put his name one. So, uh, he'd put it as a, a score. You know, that he had defeated the Coronavirus with the help of the other staff there.

Janet Maltbie: [06:10](#)

And you are part of that?

Joe Jaudon: [06:12](#)

Yes. Yes.

Janet Maltbie: [06:14](#)

So as you look back at your years at the Cleveland clinic, what's the thing that you are most proud of?

Joe Jaudon: [06:22](#)

You know, I think Janet, that when people are in the hospital, they are particularly vulnerable. And I think that , I bring a certain, not only technical skills, but I mean a certain personality

to it that people respond. And I heard an anesthesiologist at the Cleveland Clinic right before I started, he was very high up in the, in the clinic. He was making this remark. He said, you know, one thing about healthcare, it's just important that healthcare workers are kind to patients. I thought that was kind of striking. Isn't that why you're in there? But sometimes so, sometimes not, but that aspect of the work. The kindness that you can bring to a patient, the comfort, the encouragement I think is definitely a part of it and that's one of the things that I enjoy about it.

- Janet Maltbie: [07:15](#) Joe, thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today and thank you so much for serving our community. It means so much to us that you are putting yourself on the line for, for people that need the help.
- Joe Jaudon: [07:30](#) You're very welcome.
- Music: [07:36](#) [inaudible]
- Janet Maltbie: [07:36](#) If you'd like more information on becoming a respiratory therapist through the Lorain County Community College program, please call (440) 366-4033 and asked to make an appointment to see a member of the health sciences team today.
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- Janet Maltbie: [07:52](#) This program has been brought to you by the generous support of Enrollment, Financial, and Career services who reminds you it's not too late or too early to begin your career journey at Lorain County Community College.
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- Janet Maltbie: [08:06](#) You've been listening to the career exploration podcast on LCCCradio.com the Boom. I'm Janet Maltbie. Thanks for listening.
- Music: [08:19](#) [inaudible].