




MEDICAL ASSISTING

Medical Assistants are an important part of many doctors' offices. They take vital signs, perform laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures, administer medications and assist with patient exams. Moreover, they are in demand. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of Medical Assistants is expected rise 31% between 2010 and 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations.*

As baby-boomers age and the number of seniors multiply, demand for preventative medical services is likely to increase. With an expanded patient load, physicians may hire more assistants to perform routine administrative and clinical duties, allowing them to see more patients.

ECPI University's College of Health Science, Medical Careers Institute (MCI), can prepare students with the knowledge, technical skills, and computer proficiency required for employment in various healthcare positions. What's more, you can earn your Associate of Applied Science Degree in Health Science in Medical Assisting in just 15 months through MCI's year-round program.

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition



Possible Career Track

- ▶ Urgent Care Facilities
- ▶ Physician Offices
- ▶ Clinics
- ▶ Related Healthcare Settings

Outcomes

Upon completion of ECPI University's Medical Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree or the Medical Assistant Diploma program you will be eligible to take the following certifications:

- ▶ Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) from the American Medical Technologist (AMT)
- ▶ Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) from the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)
- ▶ Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)
- ▶ Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)
- ▶ Certified EKG Technician (CET) from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)
- ▶ Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)
- ▶ Certified Electronic Health Record Specialist (CEHRS) from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)

Additional Outcomes

- ▶ Demonstrate characteristics of self direction and accountability with strong educational foundations for lifelong personal and professional growth.
- ▶ Demonstrate critical thinking skills to effectively address patient care and to adapt to the rapidly changing challenges in healthcare and medical assisting.
- ▶ Provide clinically competent, contemporary care that recognizes individual differences and promotes caring behavior in the health care community.
- ▶ Function as competent, beginning practitioner in both clinical and administrative procedures for the medical office.
- ▶ Be eligible to sit for the Certified Medical Assistant Exam offered through AAMA and/or the RMA exam by AMT.
- ▶ Program provides comprehensive preparation of graduates for work in the career field.

Included in instruction is an Externship that enables you to experience real world environments firsthand.

*The information in this section comes from "Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2013-2014 Edition"