



MEDICAL ASSISTING

Do you envision yourself working in the medical industry, delivering essential care to those who need it the most? Do you want to be an instrumental part of the healthcare industry? Medical assisting may be a great fit for you.

From checking vital signs and preparing patients for exams to performing lab tests and assisting with surgical procedures, medical assistants are an invaluable part of many physicians' offices. As healthcare evolves and the population continues to age, the role of medical assistants will continue to be in great demand. As a matter of fact, medical assisting is predicted to be one of the fastest growing fields from 2012 to 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

A Medical Assisting Diploma from ECPI University's College of Health Science could prepare you for this rapidly growing field, helping you to develop the knowledge, technical skill, and computer proficiency you'll need to help others. Best of all, the Medical Assisting Diploma program can be completed in as little as 12 months through our full-time curriculum.

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



ECPI University's Medical Careers Institute focuses on a "hands-on" approach, allowing students to gain real-world experience from within the classroom and through externship experience. Through the Medical Assisting Diploma program, students can learn how to:

- ▶ Conduct patient interviews and take medical histories
- ▶ Prepare patients for examination
- ▶ Collect specimens
- ▶ Review and process payments
- ▶ Schedule appointments
- ▶ Check vital signs
- ▶ Assist with surgical procedures
- ▶ Perform various laboratory tests and EKGs
- ▶ Prepare billing statements

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 healthcare 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.

Possible Career Track

Upon completion, graduates with an Associate of Science Degree in Health Science with a concentration in Medical Assisting be able to pursue entry-level career opportunities such as the following:

- ▶ Medical Assistants
- ▶ Phlebotomists
- ▶ EKG Technicians

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