

# Medical Assistants

**Entry wages (2014):** \$11.30 per hour or \$ 23,504 annually

**Projected growth (2016-2025)** Faster than average at 30.5% in Tarrant County

## What will you do?

Medical assistants complete administrative and clinical tasks in the offices of physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities. Their duties vary with the location, specialty, and size of the practice.

## Where will you work?

Medical Assistants work physician offices, health practitioners, private and public hospitals, outpatient facilities, outpatient care centers, and healthcare facilities. They work under the supervision of the physician.

## What Experience do you need?

Medical assistants who do not have postsecondary education learn their skills through on-the-job training at physician offices, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities.

## What type of Training do I need?

No Texas state licensure and registration required for MA, CMA, and RMA. However, employers prefer to hire a Medical Assistant that possess an industry recognized credential certification. Medical Assistants are often called "Medical Office Assistants".

There are 4 notable national organizations for medical assistant certifications: American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) which provides the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) title, Association of Medical Technologies (AMT) which provides the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) title, the National Health Career Association (NHCA) which provides the Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA), and the National Center of Competency Testing (NCCT) which administers the National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA) credential. Other national organization that provides the (MA) Certified credential is from the National Association for Health Professionals (NAHP). Recertification is dependent on which organization was attended and completed.



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## What else should I know?

Employers are able to verify your education and credentials when considering employment offers. Medical occupations are sensitive to criminal backgrounds. For criminal background applicants please check each certifying organization's policy for application and recertifying. For complete listing of convictions and deferred adjudications, See:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.250.htm>

Sec. 250.006. CONVICTIONS BARRING EMPLOYMENT.

# Approved Tarrant County Training Programs

Provider	Program Name	Hours (Contact/Credit)	Cost	Pell Eligible
Univeristy of Texas at Arlington	Clinical Medical Assistant	300/0	\$4,500	No
Teamwork Services (Grand Prairie)	Medical/Clinical Assistant	826/0	\$6,500.00	No
Brightwood College (formerly Kaplan College)	Medical Assistant	760/51	\$8,640.00	Yes
Brightwood College (formerly Kaplan College)	Medical Assisting	720/45	\$8,640.00	Yes
School for Allied Health Professionals (Arlington)	Medical Assistant	640/0	\$8,960.00	No
Concorde Career Institute (Grand Prairie)	Medical Assistant	780/28	\$9,995.00	Yes
The College of Healthcare Professions (Fort Worth)	Medical Assistant	900/44	\$12,000.00	Yes
Arlington Career Insitute	Medical Assistant	985/63	\$12,712.00	Yes
Fortis College (Grand Prairie)	Medical Assisting	780/0	\$14,995.00	Yes

The cost of training reflected on this page is set by the training provider and does not reflect Tarrant County WIOA funding amounts. All services are subject to availability and funding.

\*This information is subject to change. See a Workforce Center Career Counselor for more information.



# DRAFT Career Pathway Map – Medical Assistant Occupation

