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## **Medical Assistants**

<u>Also called:</u> Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Chiropractor Assistant, Doctor's Assistant, Registered Medical Assistant (RMA)

#### What they do:

Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by physician.

#### On the job, you would:

- Interview patients to obtain medical information and measure their vital signs, weight, and height.
- Clean and sterilize instruments and dispose of contaminated supplies.
- Record patients' medical history, vital statistics, or information such as test results in medical records.

### KNOWLEDGE

#### **Arts and Humanities**

• English language

#### **Business**

- customer service
- · administrative services

#### Health

- medicine and dentistry
- therapy and counseling

### **Engineering and Technology**

computers and electronics

### **SKILLS**

#### **Basic Skills**

- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
- · talking to others

#### Social

- understanding people's reactions
- changing what is done based on other people's actions

### **Problem Solving**

• noticing a problem and figuring out the best way to solve it

### **ABILITIES**

#### **Verbal**

- communicate by speaking
- listen and understand what people say

### **Ideas and Logic**

- notice when problems happen
- use rules to solve problems

# **PERSONALITY**

People interested in this work like activities that include helping people, teaching, and talking.

They do well at jobs that need:

- Integrity
- Attention to Detail
- Dependability
- Concern for Others
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Cooperation

## **TECHNOLOGY**

You might use software like this on the job:

### **Medical software**

- eClinicalWorks EHR software
- Epic Systems

#### **Presentation software**

Microsoft PowerPoint

#### **Electronic mail software**

- Email software
- Microsoft Outlook

## **EDUCATION**











certificate after high school or high school diploma/GED

usually needed

# JOB OUTLOOK



## **Bright**



# **EXPLORE MORE**

- <u>Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians</u>
- <u>Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses</u>
- Ophthalmic Medical Technicians
- <u>Physical Therapist Aides</u>
- Surgical Assistants

You might like a career in one of these industries:

• Health & Counseling