

Medical Assistant

Become a Registered Medical Assistant in less than six months!

Medical Assistants are in HIGH DEMAND!

This 24 week non-credit hybrid program is a combination of in-person and online courses.

The Career

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (2020), employment of medical assistants is projected to grow 23% from 2018-2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the health services industry expands due to technological advances, and a growing and aging population, doctors will increasingly utilize medical assistants to enable their practice to see more patients. Duties vary from office to office depending on location, size, specialty, and state law. Clinical and Administrative Duties (may include, but not limited to):

- Taking medical histories
- Explaining treatment procedures to patients
- Preparing patients for examination
- Arranging for hospital admissions and laboratory services
- Collecting and preparing laboratory specimens
- Performing basic laboratory tests
- Updating and filing patient medical records
- Preparing and administering medications as directed by a physician
- Authorizing prescription refills as directed
- Drawing blood

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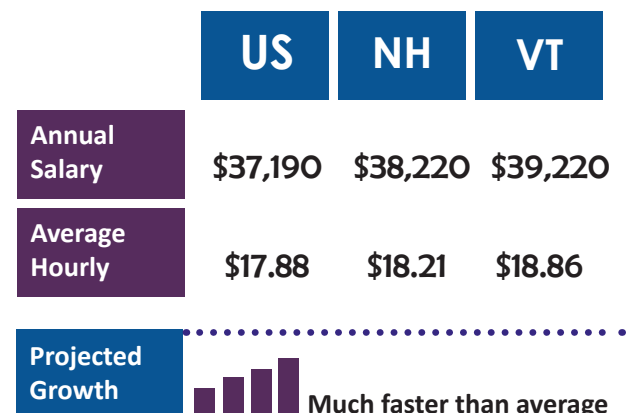
RIVER VALLEY
Community College

The Program

The goal of the Medical Assistant Program is to prepare students for entry level employment, national registration, and a successful career. Graduates of the Medical Assistant Program will:

- Be immediately eligible to sit for the RMA exam
- Perform as an entry level Medical Assistant
- Function capably in the areas of competence for Medical Assistants
- Recognize and respond effectively to verbal, nonverbal, and written communications and display a professional manner and image, communicating effectively with clients and members of the health care team
- Perform medical assisting administrative and clinical procedures competently and within legal and ethical boundaries in the scope of practice for Medical Assistants.

Career Outlook



Career data sources in 2022 from www.bls.gov
Salaries reflect median wages

Medical Assistant Program Requirements

Please contact the Program Director to design your academic plan.

Program of Study

This Program is divided into five course modules:

- Clinical Lab and Procedures
- Medical Terminology
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare
- Medical Office Practice
- Introductory Anatomy & Physiology

Education includes completing 560 hybrid hours in 20 weeks, followed by a 160 hour practicum in a clinical setting for 4 weeks.

A student that successfully finishes the MA program will earn 9 college credits from RVCC and may transfer them to other certificate or degree programs.

Additionally, if a student has previously passed any of these courses (through RVCC) they will not be required to complete or pay for this module in the non-credit program:

- Medical terminology
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare
- Medical Office Practice I & II

In-Person Medical Assistant Program courses are offered in Claremont.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program is available on our website: www.rivervalley.edu.



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