UPATIONAL PROFILE

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Record patients' medical history, vital statistics or information such as test results in medical records
- Interview patients to obtain medical information and measure their vital signs, weight and height
- Prepare treatment rooms for patient examinations, keeping the rooms neat and clean
- Show patients to examination rooms and prepare them for the physician
- Collect blood, tissue or other laboratory specimens, log the specimens and prepare them for testing

NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION 2017 Entry Level 2016 Projected 2026 **Hourly Wage Employment Employment** \$12.34 Capital Area 2,560 3,370 Texas \$11.32 58,571 79,526 **United States** \$12.04 634,400 818,400

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

Medical Assistant

WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Offices of Physicians
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Outpatient Care Centers

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after obtaining a postsecondary non-degree award such as a certificate.

WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. Every Medical Assistant is required to obtain a Phlebotomist Certification. The Texas Workforce Investment Council has also indicated the following as Industry—Based Certifications for this occupation: Clinical Medical Assistant.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT

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* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2019)

*Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

Hourly Wages

• Entry Level: \$16.81

• Median Level: \$22.51

Typical Education & Experience

Postsecondary non-degree award

527 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Medical Assistant

Hourly Wages

• Entry Level: \$12.34

• Median Level: \$15.71

Typical Education & Experience

Postsecondary non-degree award

810 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

*Phlebotomist

Hourly Wages

• Entry Level: \$11.11

Median Level: \$14.74

Typical Education & Experience

Postsecondary non-degree award

174 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

*Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Hourly Wages

• Entry Level: \$10.29

Median Level: \$13.06

Typical Education & Experience

Postsecondary non-degree award

904 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

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