

# MEDICAL ASSISTING, CERTIFICATE OF TECHNOLOGY



## Program Information

The medical field is one of the fastest-growing industries in the nation. As more doctors open offices or join established practices, the need for well-trained assistants increases. Medical assistants shoulder huge responsibilities. A day's work could include: scheduling appointments, preparing patients for examination, recording vital signs, arranging hospital admissions, handling lab specimens, sterilizing instruments, calling in prescriptions, drawing blood, handling insurance, removing sutures, and taking electrocardiograms.

Medical assistant employment is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations as the health services industry expands. The increasing number of group practices, clinics, and other health care facilities drives employment growth for support personnel, particularly the flexible medical assistant.

After completing the Medical Assisting program, the student earns a Certificate of Technology and is eligible to sit for three exams. These include the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) exam to earn the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) certification, the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) exam to earn a certificate from the American Medical Technologists (AMT), and the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) exam to earn the National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA) certification.

## Program Accreditation

The San Jacinto College Medical Assisting program is accredited by:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org) (<http://www.caahep.org>)) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) (<http://maerb.org>) (<http://maerb.org>).

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## Career Opportunities

The San Jacinto College Medical Assisting Certificate of Technology prepares students for careers in the offices of:

- Physicians,
- Podiatrists,
- Chiropractors,
- Ophthalmologists, and
- Other health practitioners.

## Earning Potential

Medical Assistant: \$38,742 per year<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: [texaswages.com](http://texaswages.com), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2023

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## Links

Students may refer to the College website regarding Medical Assisting (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/medical-assisting/>) for more information.

## Campus

North Campus