



**TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS  
MEDICAL ASSISTING**

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## Introduction

This document introduces the nonacademic standards, skills, and performance requirements expected of every student in the Medical Assisting program. It is essential for all students entering the program to understand that these requirements are necessary for the satisfactory completion of all aspects of the curriculum and development of professional attributes for graduation. Reading these standards carefully along with a realistic assessment of your own personality, interests, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses will ensure that you end up in a program and career path that is a good fit for you.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the growth rate for available jobs in the field of medical assisting is 16 percent. This is mainly due to growth of aging adults in our society. Overall, this is much faster growth rate than other jobs, which is 5 percent. Most Medical Assistants work in physician offices, urgent care facilities and outpatient clinics. They typically work 8 hour days unless in an urgent care where they may work 12-hour shifts. Beginning wages range from \$15 - \$20 per hour depending on education and previous experience.

Medical Assistants are the right hand of the provider. They not only prepping patients for the visit, conducting patient interviews and performing skills such as venipuncture and injections, they also keep

