

# EVCC CAREER PATHWAYS Medical Assistant - Certificate

## Career Cluster:

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT - CERTIFICATE - ATA

EvCC offers a nationally accredited [Medical Assistant Certificate Program](#). Our program has attained accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in cooperation with the American Association of Medical Assistants. Upon successful completion of an accredited Medical Assistant certificate program the graduate is eligible to write for national certification. Although there is no licensing for Medical Assistants, employers prefer to hire certified workers who have passed the national examination indicating that the Medical Assistant meets defined standards of competence.

Medical Assistants are health professionals specifically trained to work in settings such as physicians' offices, clinics, group practices, and other health care facilities. These multi-skilled personnel are trained to perform administrative and clinical procedures under the supervision of health care providers.

### EVCC ADMISSIONS OPTIONS

Students who have earned a high school diploma or GED or students over the age of 18 may apply to Everett Community College online. Alternative options are listed below. Remember,

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[Admission Application](#)      [English as a Second Language](#)  
[Adult Basic Education](#)      [Youth Re-engagement](#)  
[College in the High School](#)      [Running Start](#)

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### MEDICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

#### Certificate

[Medical Assistant - Certificate](#) (85 credits)

#### CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

Medical Assistants are multi-skilled health professionals specifically educated to work in ambulatory settings performing administrative and clinical duties. The practice of medical assisting directly influences the public's health and well-being and requires mastery of a complex body of knowledge and specialized skills requiring both formal education and practical experience. They work in many types of ambulatory care settings, including physicians' offices, clinics, and laboratories. Medical Assistants' duties vary from office to office. In small practices, they are "generalists," handling both administrative and clinical duties. In larger practices, they tend to specialize within a wide range of areas from clinical to administrative.

[O\\*NET Online](#)  
[Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

#### CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT DATA - SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Washington State Employment Security Department (WSESD) provides data and information about occupations and careers.

[WSESD Snohomish County High Demand Occupations](#)

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please attend a Medical Assistant information session, held frequently during the year. For the dates and times of information sessions, go to: [www.everettcc.edu/ma](http://www.everettcc.edu/ma) or call 425-388-9461.

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

[Medical Assistant - ATA](#) (90 credits)

Though the certificate and degree are designed for direct career entry, the degree may also be transferable to certain bachelor's degree programs.

### FOUR YEAR DEGREE OPTIONS

In general, the Associate of Technical Arts (ATA) degree has limited transferability to a university for a bachelor's degree. However, [Central Washington University](#) offers an online Bachelor of Applied Science degree that accepts the ATA degree.

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT

For more information about EvCC graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, visit our website at [www.everettcc.edu/GainfulEmployment](http://www.everettcc.edu/GainfulEmployment)