



# QUESTIONS TO ASK

## ABOUT MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAMS



### **WHAT DO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS DO?**

Medical assistants handle a mix of administrative and limited patient care duties, such as taking blood pressure. A medical assistant's responsibilities may vary depending on the medical specialty and needs of the facility.

### **HOW LONG WILL THE PROGRAM TAKE?**

Depending on scheduling and the degree awarded, medical assisting programs take between one and two years.

### **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

The cost of medical assistant programs varies depending on the school. Financial aid may be available to those who qualify, so it is best to ask the school's admissions representative about the cost of attendance.

### **WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

Medical assistant programs teach a mix of skills and knowledge you need to succeed in the field, including medical terminology and electronic health records (EHRs).

### **WILL THE PROGRAM PREPARE ME FOR CERTIFICATION?**

Going to medical assistant school is a great way to develop a solid base of skills and knowledge you'll need to pass a certification exam, such as the RMA exam.

### **IS CERTIFICATION A GOOD IDEA?**

Yes. Even if an employer doesn't require certification, such as the RMA, it can increase your marketability.

### **HOW IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK?**

Medical assistants can expect a bright outlook in terms of job prospects in the near future. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 29 percent uptick in medical assisting jobs by 2026 compared to 2016.

### **HOW DO I GET STARTED?**

Reaching out to schools is the first step to your new career. You can learn more about the school and their medical assisting program, which will help you make the right choice.

For aspiring medical assistants in Chicagoland, there's one clear choice for a medical assistant program:

**Coyne College in Chicago.**

Coyne College's Medical Assistant program is a member of the American Association of Medical Assistants. You're learning from experienced instructors who have valuable work experience and can pass their knowledge on to you.

**To learn more about Coyne's medical assistant program, call 800-720-3990 or visit [Coynecollege.edu](http://Coynecollege.edu).**