



# Medical Assistant

in Northern New York State

## 01. How do I become a Medical Assistant?

Medical assistant programs are offered in vocational-technical high schools, post-secondary vocational schools, and community colleges.

## 02. Where can I find an education program?

There are dozens of Medical Assistant programs in New York! Check out this website for a complete list of the programs:

<https://www.healthcareersinfo.net/medical-assistants/>

## 03. NYS Licensure Requirements

While New York does not require medical assistants to be licensed, individuals wishing to demonstrate proficiency in their occupation may receive certification through national organizations, such as the American Association of Medical Assistants or American Medical Technologists.

## What do Medical Assistants do?

Medical assistants perform administrative and clinical tasks to keep the offices of healthcare providers running smoothly.

Responsibilities may include:

- Patient scheduling
- Updating medical records
- Billing and bookkeeping tasks
- Obtaining medical histories
- Recording vital signs
- Preparing patients for examinations
- Providing assistance during exams

## Where do Medical Assistants work?

The majority of medical assistants work in the offices of physicians and other healthcare providers, although a large number also work in hospitals.

## Are jobs available in Northern NY?

Absolutely, yes! Between 2016 and 2026 the number of jobs will increase by 29% nationwide and will increase in New York by 35.1%.

## How much do Medical Assistants make?

The NYS Department of Labor reports that medical assistants in New York earned an average annual salary of \$38,590 (entry level-\$28,530, experienced- \$50,930).

