

Allied Health Occupations Comparison Chart

	Length Of Training At RCC	Salary Outlook <i>(Source: Oregon Employment Dept., qualityinfo.org, statewide)</i>	Credentialing <i>(Programs may incl. national testing and/or prepare students to test)</i>	Work With Patients Or Medical Team?	Active Or Sedentary?	Job Outlook (Openings) <i>(Source: Oregon Employment Dept., qualityinfo.org)</i>
Basic Healthcare Certification The BHC is a two to three term certificate that prepares students for work in entry-level positions in the health care industry. They are provided a basis to further training and employment in allied health careers.	3 Terms (9 months)	Varies Depending on Program Focus	None	Both	Both	Varies Depending on Program Focus
Dental Assistant <i>What They Do:</i> DA's assist dentists by preparing patients for treatment, passing instruments during procedure, holding suction devices, exposing dental radiographs, taking impressions, fabricating provisional crowns, etc.	4 Terms (12 Months)	25 th – 75 th percentile 17-24/hr. (2018)	Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) Radiology & Expanded Functions DA (EFDA)	Both—Dentists, Hygienists, Patients	Both	Statewide—4,659 (2014) Projected—5,368 (2024) RV Oregon—336 (2014) Projected—382 (2024)
Medical Administrative Assistant <i>What They Do:</i> MAA's are integral members of the medical office communication team, helping to maintain efficiency. They answer phones, greet patients, triage appointments, fill out insurance forms, work w/patient records, etc.	2 Terms (6 Month)	25 th – 75 th percentile 14-20/hr.	Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)	Both—Frequent Patient Contact, Medical Team	Both— Frequent Sitting	Statewide—14,655 (2014) Projected-18,239 (2024) RV Oregon—1191 (2014) Projected—1354 (2024)
Medical Assistant <i>What They Do:</i> MA's assist doctors in patient care, examination & documentation. Some duties incl. taking vitals, ECG testing, scheduling, patient flow and triage, front office, etc.	3 Terms (9 Months)	25 th – 75 th percentile 15-20/hr.	Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) Phlebotomy Tech Certification (CPT)	Both— Physicians, Nurses, Patients	Both	Statewide—9,692 (2014) Projected--12,080 (2024) RV Oregon—634 (2014) Projected---732 (2024)
Medical Coding Specialist <i>What They Do:</i> Coders work in various healthcare settings utilizing medical classification software to assign procedure and diagnosis codes for insurance billing	3 Terms (9 Months)	25 th – 75 th percentile 14-21/hr.	Certified Professional Coder (CPC) or (CCA)	Limited Medical Team	Mostly Sedentary/ Sitting	Statewide—3,221 (2014) Projected-3,798 (2024) RV Oregon—171 (2014) Projected—192 (2024)
Pharmacy Technician <i>What They Do:</i> PRX's assist pharmacists with duties that impact patient care. Duties incl. filling prescriptions; mixing, measuring, counting, and recording prescribed quantities and dosage levels.	3 Terms (9 Months)	25 th – 75 th percentile 16-21/hr.	Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)	Both— Pharmacists, Patients	Active— Frequent Standing	Statewide—4,902 (2014) Projected-5,716 (2024) RV Oregon—446 (2014) Projected—474 (2024)
Phlebotomist <i>What They Do:</i> Phlebotomists work in hospitals, clinics, and other medical facilities drawing blood from patients in preparation for medical testing.	1 Term (3 Months)	25 th – 75 th percentile 15-21/hr.	ASCP Certified Phlebotomy Technician (PBT)	Both—Medical Team, Patients	Both	Statewide—1670 (2014) Projected- 2010 (2024) RV Oregon—203 (2014) Projected—242 (2024)
Sterile Processing Technician <i>What They Do:</i> SPT's play vital role in patient safety & infection control. They operate sterilizing equipment (autoclave), check, assemble, and adjust all medical tools for surgery.	3 Terms (9 Months)	25 th – 75 th percentile 16-23/hr.	Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)	Medical Team— Surgical Team	Both	Statewide—1,344 (2014) Projected-1,515 (2024) RV Oregon—102 (2014) Projected—105 (2024)

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