

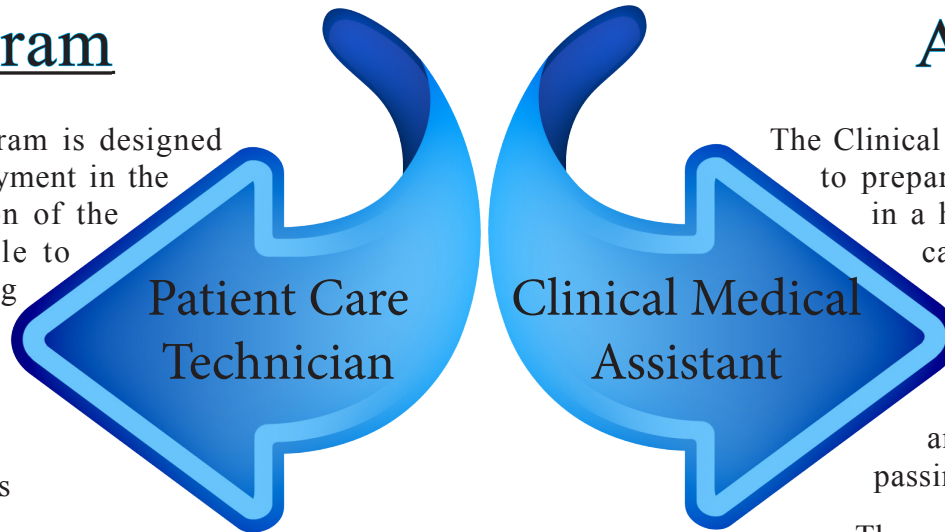
# WHICH PATH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

## Patient Care Technician Program

The Patient Care Technician program is designed to give multiple options for employment in the health care field. Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to take certification exams for nursing assistant, EKG technician, and phlebotomy technician.

The core consists of :

Medical Terminology	24 hours
Certified Nurse Aide	102 hours
Phlebotomy Technician	64 hours
<u>ECG/EKG Technician</u>	<u>64 hours</u>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>254 hours</b>



## Clinical Medical Assistant Program

The Clinical Medical Assistant program is designed to prepare students for an entry-level position in a hospital, medical office or other health care setting. Students must successfully complete the courses listed below to earn the certificate within a two-year period. It is recommended to take Medical Terminology prior to the ECG and Phlebotomy courses with minimum passing score of C.

The core consists of :

Medical Terminology	24 hours
Phlebotomy Technician	64 hours
ECG/EKG Technician	64 hours
<u>Clinical Medical Assistant</u>	<u>68 hours</u>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>220 hours</b>



Students must successfully complete the courses listed above to earn the certificate. Required courses can be taken in any order (except Medical Terminology which is a prerequisite for the CNA, Phlebotomy and EKG programs) and more than one course can be taken at a time if scheduling permits. All students will be eligible to take the National Healthcareer Association examination after successful completion of all classes. A high school diploma or equivalent is required.

## Course Descriptions

**Medical Terminology - (24 hrs)** Students will learn medical terminology by analyzing the prefix, suffix, word roots and combinations used in medical terms. This course is for students who want to understand basic medical terms and is recommended as the foundation for any health and medical course. This course is 24 hours and is a prerequisite for the CNA, phlebotomy and EKG programs.

**Phlebotomy Technician - (64 hrs)** Learn to collect blood for lab analysis in this 64-hour program. Upon successful completion of the classroom segment, the student is assigned to a clinical setting to perform 40 venipunctures and 15 capillary sticks. Phlebotomists are employed in hospitals, doctors' offices, blood banks, and medical labs.

**ECG/EKG Technician - (64 hrs)** Learn anatomy of the heart, medical terminology, CPR, ECG procedures, normal and abnormal heart rhythms and electrodes. This 64-hour course includes 16 hours of off-campus training. EKG Technicians may work in hospitals, same day surgery offices, or heart centers.

**Certified Nurse Aide - (102 hrs)** Learn the academic and practical skills to care for patients and pass the SC Nurse Aide certification exam in this SC Department of Health and Human Services approved program. Learn how to interact effectively with patients and health care staff; implement infection control techniques, perform safety and emergency procedures, perform basic nursing skills for patient care. CNA's provide patient care working in nursing homes, long term care facilities, and private care settings. The course consists of 62 classroom hours and 40 hours clinical nursing skills.

**Clinical Medical Assistant - (68 hrs)** This course instructs the student in the clinical skills and theory necessary to perform the job of Medical Assistant. The student will learn patient examination, phlebotomy and laboratory skills, EKG, vital signs, pharmacology, and medication administration. The program length is 68 hours plus required off-campus clinical training for which successful students will be awarded a certificate of completion.

## Workforce Development



## PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN --- CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT



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