



**American Allied Health**

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# Healthcare Career Paths

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Allied health careers are rapidly growing and play a vital role in supporting patient care across the healthcare system.

With increasing demand for skilled health care professionals, certification has become essential for gaining access to high-paying, in-demand positions in these fields.

Explore the links below to discover:



Career overviews & job responsibilities



Salary ranges & earning potential



Employment outlook & industry growth



Patient Care  
Technician  
(CPCT)



Physical Therapy  
Aide (CPTA)



Medical Assistant  
(RMA) AAH



Veterinary  
Assistant (CVA)



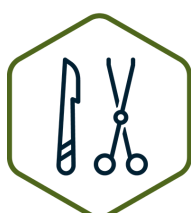
Medical Admin.  
Assistant (CMAA)



Ltd. License  
Radiology Tech.  
(CLLRT)



Phlebotomy  
Technician (CPT)



Surgical Technician  
(NRST)



Pharmacy  
Technician (CPhT)



Optometric  
Assistant (ROA)



EKG Technician  
(CET)



Med. Coding & Billing  
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## Patient Care Technician (CPCT)

A Patient Care Technician assists nurses and other healthcare professionals by providing basic patient care, such as monitoring vital signs, assisting with mobility, and helping patients with daily activities like bathing and feeding. They often work in hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities to ensure patients’ comfort and safety.

Median Salary

\$39,430

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$37 - 53K**

(Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics)

Employment Growth

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 4% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 1,469,400 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)

Registered Nurse

Licensed Practical Nurse

Medical Assistant

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CPCT’s work:**

- Hospitals - Providing bedside care under RN supervision
- Dialysis Centers - Assisting with patient preparation and equipment
- Long-term Care Facilities - Supporting residents with daily activities

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## Medical Assistant (RMA) AAH

A Medical Assistant is a healthcare professional who supports physicians and other medical staff by performing a combination of administrative and clinical tasks. Their duties often include taking patient histories, measuring vital signs, venipuncture, EKG and assisting with examinations and minor procedures.



Median Salary

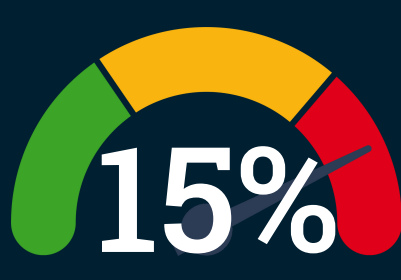
\$44,200



### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$42 - 62K**

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics



15%

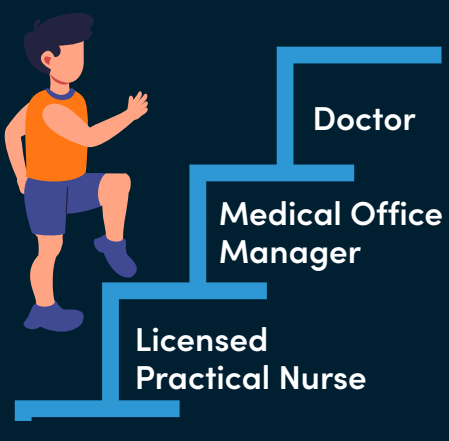
Employment Growth

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 15% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 783,900 (2023)

Sources: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



Doctor

Medical Office Manager

Licensed Practical Nurse

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where RMA's work:**

- Physician's offices – taking vitals, updating records, assisting in exams
- Urgent care clinics – helping with patient flow and minor procedures
- Outpatient care centers – administrative and clinical support

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## Medical Admin. Assistant (CMAA)

A Medical Administrative Assistant is responsible for managing the front office operations of a healthcare facility. They handle tasks such as scheduling appointments, maintaining patient records, processing insurance forms, and providing customer service to ensure smooth and efficient clinic workflow.




**Median Salary**

\$47,460

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
\$42 - 61K

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics



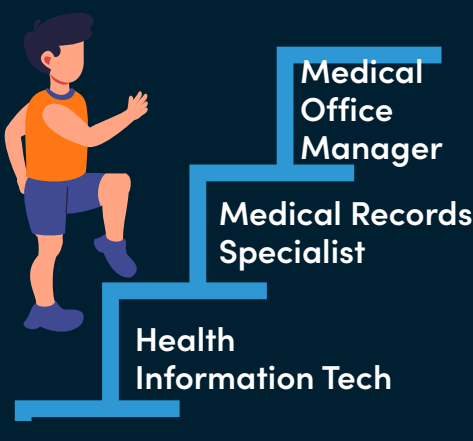
**Employment Growth**

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 1% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 682,630 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



**Workplace and Career Advancement**

**Where CMAA's work:**

- Healthcare clinics – front desk duties and appointment scheduling
- Hospitals – handling patient records and admissions
- Insurance companies – managing medical documentation and coding

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## Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

A Phlebotomy Technician is a healthcare professional trained to draw blood from patients for tests, transfusions, donations, or research. They ensure proper labeling, handling, and storage of blood samples while maintaining patient comfort and following strict safety and infection control protocols.



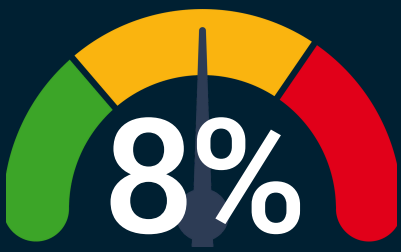
Median Salary

\$43,600

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$38 - 52K**

Source: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics



Employment Growth

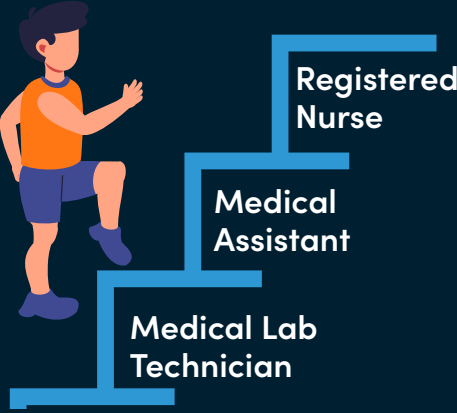
**8%**

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 8% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 141,200 (2023)

Sources: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



Registered Nurse

Medical Assistant

Medical Lab Technician

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CPT's work:**

- Laboratories – collecting and processing blood samples
- Blood donation centers – drawing blood for donations
- Hospitals – performing venipuncture for diagnostic testing

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## Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)

A Pharmacy Technician assists pharmacists in preparing and dispensing medications, managing inventory, and processing insurance claims. They interact with patients to collect information, measure out medications, and ensure prescriptions are filled accurately under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.



Median Salary

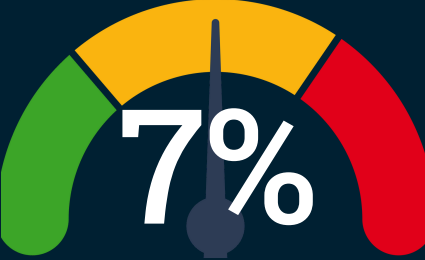
\$43,460



### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$39 - 51K**

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics




Employment Growth

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 8% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 463,900 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



Licensed Pharmacist

Medication Therapy Mgr.

Pharmacy Tech Specialist

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CPhT's work:**

- Retail pharmacies – assisting pharmacists with prescriptions
- Hospital pharmacies – preparing and distributing medication
- Mail-order or specialty pharmacies – managing bulk medication fulfillment

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## EKG Technician (CET)

An EKG Technician is a healthcare professional who performs electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) tests to monitor and record the electrical activity of a patient’s heart. They prepare patients, operate EKG equipment, and ensure accurate test results to assist physicians in diagnosing and treating cardiac conditions.



**Median Salary**

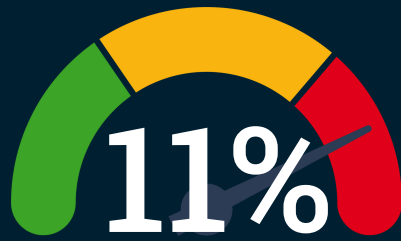
\$67,260



### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$48 - 73K**

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**11%**

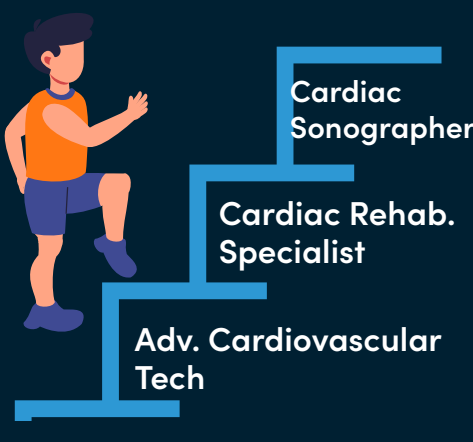
**Employment Growth**

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 11% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 143,400 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



Cardiac Sonographer

Cardiac Rehab. Specialist

Adv. Cardiovascular Tech

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CET’s work:**

- Hospitals (Cardiology Dept.) – conducting EKGs and stress tests
- Outpatient cardiac clinics – performing routine heart monitoring
- Emergency rooms – aiding in rapid cardiac assessments

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## Medical Coding & Billing (CMCB) Med. Coding & Billing Specialist (MCBS)

A Medical Coder and Biller manages diagnosis/procedure coding and financial billing, mainly in inpatient settings. This role supports the revenue cycle by ensuring accurate coding, billing, and regulatory compliance. The Medical Coding & Billing Specialist focuses on coding accuracy and compliance in outpatient and specialty care, emphasizing specialized practices to prevent errors and ensure proper reimbursement.

Median Salary

\$50,250

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$43 - 67K**

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics

Employment Growth

### Job Growth

**2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 9% in this field.**

**Employees filling this role: 191,500 (2023)**

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)

Compliance Officer

Prof. Medical Auditor

Med. Coding & Billing Specialist

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CMCB's and MCBS's work:**

- Hospitals – coding procedures for billing and insurance claims
- Physician's offices – managing patient records and billing
- Medical billing companies – handling outsourced coding services

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## Physical Therapy Aide (CPTA)

A Physical Therapy Aide supports physical therapists by preparing treatment areas, assisting patients during exercises, and performing routine administrative tasks. They help ensure smooth clinic operations but do not provide direct therapeutic care.



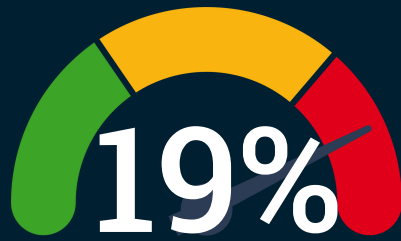
**Median Salary**

\$34,520

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$41 - 68K**

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics



**19%**

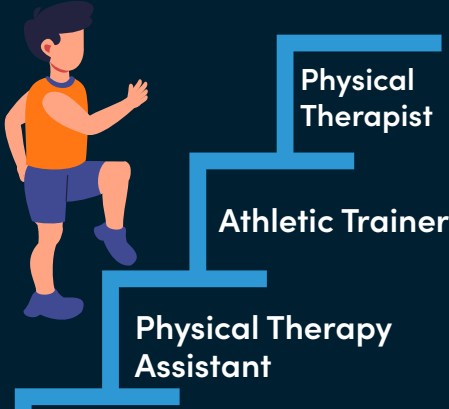
**Employment Growth**

### Job Growth

**2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 19% in this field.**

**Employees filling this role: 152,800 (2023)**

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



**Physical Therapist**

**Athletic Trainer**

**Physical Therapy Assistant**

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CPTA's work:**

- Rehabilitation centers – helping PTs with equipment and patient prep
- Nursing homes – supporting elderly patient mobility programs
- Outpatient physical therapy clinics – maintaining cleanliness and organization

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## Veterinary Assistant (CVA)

A Veterinary Assistant supports veterinarians by caring for animals, cleaning exam rooms, and assisting during procedures. They handle routine tasks to help ensure the comfort and safety of animals in clinical settings.



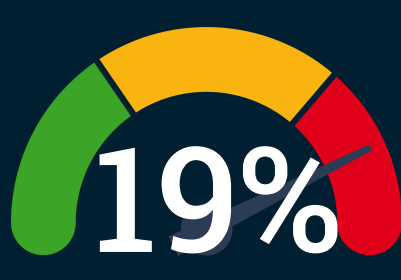
**Median Salary**

\$37,320

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
**\$35 - 47K**

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics



**19%**

**Employment Growth**

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 19% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 118,200 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



Dr. of Vet. Med.

Practice Manager

Veterinary Technician

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CVA's work:**

- Animal clinics – assisting vets during exams and treatments
- Animal shelters – supporting care for rescue animals
- Pet hospitals – preparing animals for surgery or recovery care

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## Ltd. License Radiology Tech. (CLLRT)

A Limited License Radiology Technologist performs basic diagnostic imaging procedures under the supervision of a licensed radiologic technologist or physician. They are trained to operate X-ray equipment within specific practice areas, such as chest, extremities, or dental imaging, depending on state regulations.

**Median Salary**  
\$77,660

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
\$72 - 107K

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics

**Employment Growth**  
6%

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 6% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 271,200 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)

MRI Technologist  
Adv. Modality Specialist  
Full-Scope Radiologic Technologist

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CLLRT's work:**

- Urgent care centers – performing basic X-rays
- Orthopedic clinics – imaging for musculoskeletal injuries
- Rural health clinics – providing imaging where full radiology is not available

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## Surgical Technician (NRST)

A Surgical Technician, also known as a surgical technologist, assists in operating rooms by preparing instruments, maintaining a sterile environment, and supporting surgeons during procedures. They play a vital role in ensuring patient safety and surgical efficiency before, during, and after operations.



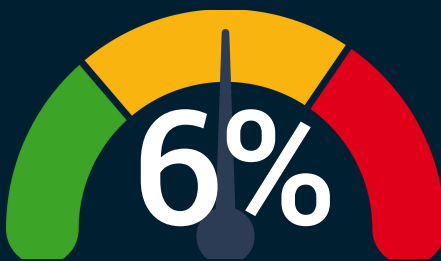
**Median Salary**

\$62,480

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
\$61 - 93K

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics



**Employment Growth**

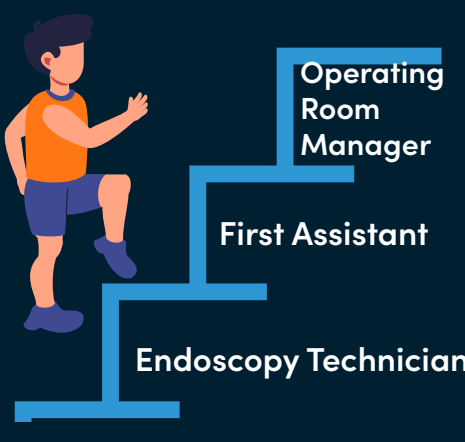
6%

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 6% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 134,000 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



**Workplace and Career Advancement**

**Where NRST's work:**

- Hospitals (OR) – assisting in surgeries and instrument prep
- Ambulatory surgery centers – supporting outpatient procedures
- Specialty surgical practices – orthopedic, ENT, or OB/GYN surgeries

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## Optometric Assistant (ROA)

An Optometric Assistant supports optometrists by performing pre-exam testing, managing patient records, and assisting with eyewear selection and fittings. They help ensure efficient eye care services through both clinical and administrative support.



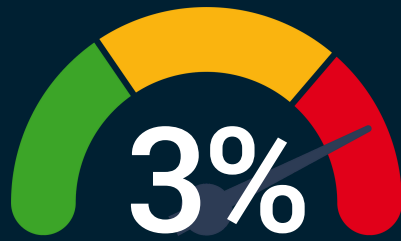
Median Salary

\$41,780

### Job Outlook and Salary

**National Average Salary:**  
\$39 - 60K

Sources: [glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) / US Bureau of Labor and Statistics



Employment Growth

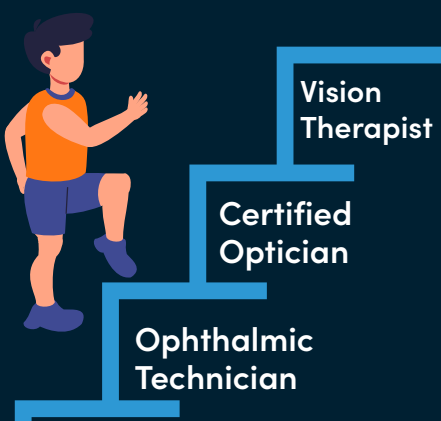
3%

### Job Growth

2023 - 2033 Projected Growth is 3% in this field.

Employees filling this role: 72,800 (2023)

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov)



Vision Therapist

Certified Optician

Ophthalmic Technician

### Workplace and Career Advancement

**Where CVA's work:**

- Optometry clinics – patient prep and vision testing
- Optical retail stores – assisting with frame selection and orders
- Ophthalmology offices – supporting eye exams and minor procedures

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