

Highlights

A career as a lab assistant can be a very rewarding, one with:

- Stability
- Good Pay
- Growth Opportunities
- Professional Recognition

Job Outlook

In 2012 the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projected the employment of lab assistants to grow by 22 percent by 2022, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. If the projection of the BLS is accurate, that will amount to 70,600 new lab assistant jobs in the US.

What Medical Assistants Do

Lab assistants do a variety of what's called "pre-analytical" functions. Some examples are venipuncture, receiving and labeling specimens, verifying test orders, entering patient and test information into a database, keeping track of lab supply inventory, preparing specimens in various ways.

Work Environment

Lab Assistants can work in a variety of healthcare environments, including hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donation centers and doctor's offices.

How to Become a Lab Assistant

The best way to become a lab assistant is by attending a reputable accredited career college such as California Institute of Medical Science.

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