

Certified Medical Assistant

Associated Industries: Business, Management, & Administration | Health Science | Human Services | Law & Public Safety

Description and Labor Market Information

Certified Medical Assistants (CMA) perform administrative tasks, such as answering phones, completing paperwork, scheduling appointments, and processing health insurance claims. They may also take patient histories, prepare patients for treatment, and take patients vital signs prior to treatment.

This credential was associated with 18 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 23,029 positions with 2,585 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of \$24.56.

Sample Occupations

Medical Assistants

Median Hourly Earnings: \$17.99
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
 Total Positions: 4,005
 Annual Job Openings: 492

Nursing Assistants

Median Hourly Earnings: \$16.76
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
 Total Positions: 5,304
 Annual Job Openings: 648

Health Technologists and Technicians, and All Other

Median Hourly Earnings: \$23.64
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
 Total Positions: 550
 Annual Job Openings: 50

Certifying Entity Information

American Association of Medical Assistants

Website: www.aama-ntl.org

Phone: (800) 228-2262

Local Availability:

There are multiple approved Medical Assisting programs in the state. Resources can be found at: <https://www.aama-ntl.org/medical-assisting/caahep-abhes-programs>.

Exam Details

Age Requirement: N/A

Coursework/Hours to Complete: N/A

Length of Certification Validity: 5 years

Exam Cost: \$125

Exam Time: 2 hours, 40 min.

Number of Questions: 200

Pass Rate: 60%

PROMISING CREDENTIALS IN HAWAII

This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, University of Hawaii P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawaii can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawaii. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawaii students for future careers and long-term success?

Promising Credentials in Hawaii, a first-of-its-kind analysis for our state, looks at whether the credentials students can earn actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawaii businesses, this project has identified **137 Promising Credentials** that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying **274 Promising Occupations** that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 274 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawaii employers from across the state completed surveys and participated in focus groups to narrow the list of nearly 2,000 credentials down to the 137 credentials they say matter most when making hiring and promotion decisions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at www.HawaiiCareerPathways.org.