

Medical Aides and Assistants

Opportunities in Allegheny County - 2023

15,816

People employed in the field

RIASEC



2.5%

Share of total jobs in Allegheny County

\$39,187

Median Annual Wage

Key Skills

As Medical Aides and Assistants are often front-line medical workers, the need to be able to care for patients by **checking vital signs**, and providing **CPR** and **general medical assistance**.

It is also important for workers in this occupation to have clear **communication skills**, **writing skills**, and are willing to take **accountability** for their actions.



Amanda's Story

In 2019, Amanda was enrolled in a Respiratory Therapy Licensure program when she became seriously ill and she had to withdraw from the program. In August 2020, she was ready to return; PA CareerLink(r) provided a Chromebook for remote classes and travel assistance for her clinical externship locations. In January 2022, Amanda was hired by UPMC as a Certified Respiratory Therapist.

Role	Number of Jobs	Starting Wage*	Median Annual Wage	Education Required
Nursing Assistants	7,305	\$29,795	\$37,320	
Medical Assistants	4,078	\$37,070	\$49,740	
Phlebotomists	1,018	\$30,895	\$37,780	
Dental Assistants	969	\$32,420	\$40,595	
Physical Therapist Assistants	674	\$38,420	\$50,560	
Medical Equipment Preparers	377	\$31,010	\$37,900	
Occupational Therapy Assistants	285	\$27,540	\$50,700	
Psychiatric Aides	190	\$27,250	\$39,190	
Medical Transcriptionists	188	\$31,070	\$40,745	

High School diploma

Certification or Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Source: Lightcast
*Starting wage is the 10th percentile wage for all employed in occupation

How do I start?

Get experience:

- [Learn & Earn](#)
- [Year-round youth programs](#)

Get Training:

- PCT AHN
- [MA UPMC](#)
- Career and Tech



Get a job:

- [PA CareerLink®](#) Pittsburgh, proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter network

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