

Physician Fast Facts

Your journey to finding your path

Medical Assistant

- Complete administrative and clinical tasks in varied medical facilities.
- Record patient history, information, and measure vital signs.
- Help physicians with patient exams & give injections or draw blood for lab.

Requirements:

- Certificate from an Education program for Medical Assisting (12 months)
- National Certification
- Life Saving certification (BLS or CPR)

2022 Median Salary is \$38,270

14% job demand increase estimated between 2022-2032

Physician's Assistant (PA)

- Practice medicine on teams with physicians, surgeons, and other healthcare workers. They examine, diagnose, prescribe medicine, and treat patients.

Requirements:

- Master's Degree
- National Certification and agreement with supervising Physician

2022 Median Salary is \$126,010

27% job demand increase estimated between 2022-2032

Physician

- Examine patients; take medical histories, prescribe medications, and order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests.
- Counsel patients on diet, hygiene, and preventive healthcare.
- They refer patients to a specialist in cases when the patient is suffering from something that only an expert can treat.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree, & Medical Degree (M.D. or D.O.),
- Internship/residency & fellowship
- Licensure with State Medical Board

2022 Median Salary is \$229,300

3% job demand increase estimated between 2022-2032

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Educational paths

Students often start as undergraduates in a premed program. Medical schools generally require students to have core knowledge of the life and physical sciences, English, and calculus.

Undergrad degrees obtained by US employed Physicians and Surgeons

- 48.7% Bachelor of Biology
- 14.4% Bachelor of Medicine
- 14.1 Physical Science

Type of Physician degrees

These are two types of medical degrees in the U.S

- Medical Doctor (M.D.)
 - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.).
- Both are 4-year Medical degrees after obtaining a bachelor's degree.
-Both allow physicians and surgeons to use the same treatment methods, but D.O.s may emphasize preventive medicine and holistic care.