



Direct Patient Care Hour Opportunities

Position/Title	Examples of Job Duties/ Responsibilities	Certification Required?	How to obtain certification
<i>Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recording patient history and personal information • measuring vital signs • helping physicians with patient exams 	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>While some positions may offer to train students on site for MA positions, certification is recommended in order to be eligible for more jobs and to include this certification on PA school applications</i></p>	<p>Certification can be obtained via many organizations in Athens and surrounding areas. Listed below:</p>
<i>Certified Personal Care Technician (PCT)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check blood pressure, temperature, heart rate and pulse • help the doctor perform a physical exam • change bedding • help patients bathe, shave or change clothes • if walking is needed, a technician will help the patient walk down the hall 	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>While some positions may offer to train students on site for PCT positions, certification is recommended in order to be eligible for more jobs and to include this certification on PA school applications</i></p>	<p>Certification can be obtained via many organizations in Athens and surrounding areas. Listed below:</p>
<i>Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • similar job duties/responsibilities to patient care technician such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ feeding, bathing and dressing patients ○ taking vital signs ○ setting up medical equipment ○ assisting with some medical procedures 	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>While some positions may offer to train students on site for CNA positions, certification is recommended in order to be eligible for more jobs and to include this certification on PA school applications</i></p>	<p>Certification can be obtained via many organizations in Athens and surrounding areas. Listed below:</p>
<i>Phlebotomy Technician</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsible for drawing blood • taking blood specimens to lab to prepare for testing 	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>While some positions may offer to train students on site for Phlebotomy positions, certification is recommended in order to be eligible for more jobs and to include this certification on PA school applications</i></p>	<p>Certification can be obtained via many organizations in Athens and surrounding areas. Listed below:</p>



<p><i>Emergency Department (ED) Scribe</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> document physician dictated patient history and past medical history document physical examination, procedures and lab results <p>**Please note that not all PA programs will accept scribing as a direct patient care experience! It is vital that students check with their particular programs of interest to discern how these hours are categorized.</p>	<p>Yes*</p> <p><i>While some positions may offer to train students on site for scribe positions, working through a service is recommended to aid in training and job placement</i></p>	<p>Services such as Scribe America can aide students in training and finding jobs in their preferred area</p>
<p><i>Physical Therapy (PT) Technician</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide general patient care assist with physical therapy treatment under direct supervision of DPT set-up and take-down of physical therapy equipment 	<p>No</p> <p><i>Generally, on job training is provided and preferred</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><i>Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> assess patients' condition provide emergency care for respiratory, cardiac and trauma emergencies transport patients to emergency facilities 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Certification offered via Athens Tech. List of EMT organizations on the website also</p>
<p><i>Personal Care Assistant (PCA)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> assist patients with grooming and hygiene help to administer prescribed medication assist with other daily tasks for physically or mentally challenged individuals who require additional help 	<p>No</p> <p><i>Generally, on job training is provided and preferred</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>

Additional Information:

- These certifications are obtained first via an independent study course
- These courses can take up to several months or be completed as quickly as a couple of weeks! Very flexible with student schedules.
- These courses are all out of pocket and outsourced.
- Please plan based on personal financial need, transportation, class schedule and time.



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List of organizations for all certifications you can obtain for direct patient care hours:

MA online-- <https://www.careerstep.com/>

NEGA - <https://www.ming101.com/>

Innovative Healthcare Institute -- <https://www.ihci411.com/>

National EMS -- <https://www.priorityambulance.com/national/>

KSU CNA Program -- <https://cpe.kennesaw.edu/courses/professional/certified-nursing-assistant-certificate/>

US Career Institute -- <https://learn.uscareerinstitute.edu>

MedCare - <https://www.medcarehealthcert.com/>

Athens CPR and Safety - <https://athenscpr.com/>

UGA medical assisting program - [Online Certified Clinical Medical Assistant \(CCMA\) \(Voucher Included\) from University of Georgia \(ed2go.com\)](#)

GA. School of Phlebotomy - <https://www.georgiaphleb.com/>

Advanced eClinical Training - [Medical Certification FAQs | Advanced eClinical Training \(advclinical.org\)](#)