## Patient Care Hour Opportunities

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| **Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)** | • recording patient history and personal information  
• measuring vital signs  
• helping physicians with patient exams | Yes*                     | 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. Certification can be obtained via (P) 404-944-2346 or support@medcarehealthcarecert.com or medcarehealthcarecert@gmail.com |
| **Certified Personal Care Technician (PCT)** | • 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 | Yes*                     | 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. Certification can be obtained via (P) 404-944-2346 or support@medcarehealthcarecert.com or medcarehealthcarecert@gmail.com |
| **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)** | • similar job duties/responsibilities to patient care technician such as:  
  o feeding, bathing and dressing patients  
  o taking vital signs  
  o setting up medical equipment  
  o assisting with some medical procedures | Yes*                     | 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. Certification offered via Athens Tech and some other community/technical colleges |
| **Phlebotomy Technician**             | • responsible for drawing blood  
• taking blood specimens to lab to prepare for testing | Yes*                     | 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. Certification can be obtained via (P) 404-944-2346 or support@medcarehealthcarecert.com or through some community colleges |
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|                                  | **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.** | Yes*  
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 |
|                                  | Services such as Scribe America can aide students in training and finding jobs in their preferred area |
| Physical Therapy (PT) Technician | provide general patient care | No  
Generally, on job training is provided and preferred |
|                                  | assist with physical therapy treatment under direct supervision of DPT | |
|                                  | set-up and take-down of physical therapy equipment |
| Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) | assess patients’ condition | Yes  
Certification offered via Athens Tech and some other community/technical colleges |
|                                  | provide emergency care for respiratory, cardiac and trauma emergencies |
|                                  | transport patients to emergency facilities |
| Personal Care Assistant (PCA)    | assist patients with grooming and hygiene | No  
Generally, on job training is provided and preferred |
|                                  | help to administer prescribed medication |
|                                  | assist with other daily tasks for physically or mentally challenged individuals who require additional help |

**Additional MedCare Information:**
- MedCare offers certifications in the following areas:
  - Certified clinical medical assistance
  - Certified phlebotomy technician
  - Certified patient care technician
  - EKG technician
- These certifications are obtained first via an independent study course
- This course can take up to several months or be completed as quickly as a couple of weeks! Very flexible with student schedules
- $375 includes study guide, exam review/prep session and hands-on clinical
- $155 to take exam (paid later after review when student is ready to sit for exam)
- Exam is lengthy and must be taken in Lawrenceville, but Fri/Sat options available
- If interested, must attend orientation where questions are answered (non-committal)
- Best contact: Ms. H (404-644-2651 or 770-374-0694 [student text line]) or via email at Medcareinfo@gmail.com