

MXC -Medical Assisting Program Occupational Risks

The field of Medical Assisting has many benefits as practitioners can perform both clinical and administrative services, providing healthcare in various healthcare environments. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a growth of 18% in this field from 2020 to 2030.

Medical Assistants have significant responsibilities as they work directly with providers and patients to ensure patient safety. However, like any healthcare position, there are occupational risks associated with being a medical assistant. These risks include exposure to infectious diseases, sharps injuries, bloodborne pathogens, chemical and drug exposure, ergonomic hazards, latex allergies, and stress/burnout.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) has established protections for healthcare workers and patients in the form of a set of standards. Accredited medical assisting programs like ours, are required to educate students on the hazards they may face on the job and the protocols they can follow to prioritize safety in the workplace.