

## **HOMESTEAD EXTENDS ITS FREE MEDICAL ASSISTING PROGRAM**

Yes, that's true. Last year Homestead Schools located in Torrance offered a pilot program in medical assisting to all students completely FREE. This program was so successful that Homestead is renewing the offer for the next class which is set to start in June. Students from the first class are presently undergoing internship in various medical clinics, physicians' offices, etc. and are slated to graduate in May. Regular tuition for a medical assisting program runs \$10,000, but here you will pay nothing.

Medical assisting is a six-month program on a full-time schedule which includes classroom instruction and internship in a medical clinic or physician's office. The program prepares students to work in the front or back office assisting registered nurses or physicians in the office.

In the front-office role, a medical assistant may work in the reception area answering phones, interacting with patients, scheduling appointments, verifying insurance, gathering patient information, performing computer data entry and other office work. As a medical assistant you'll also be collecting payments, posting them to accounts, and doing patient billing, recordkeeping, and administrative duties.

In the back-office environment, you may interview and record patient history, prepare patients for exams and procedures, take vital signs, collect specimens, communicate with outside labs, and perform routine tests and procedures under the supervision of a physician.

As you can see, medical assistants work in an exciting, fast-paced office atmosphere where they have a chance to help patients and work with other medical professionals. They have an opportunity to put into practice the knowledge they've gained in the school and become experienced in administrative and clinical functions. Becoming a medical assistant will earn you an entry into the enviable and highly respected field of health care.

The earnings of medical assistants vary, depending on their experience, skill level, and location. Most medical assistants earn between \$25,000 to \$30,000 and with experience go on to higher positions and better pay.

Students seeking admission to the medical assisting program must be at least 18 years of age, must possess a high-school diploma or GED equivalent, and must be proficient in English.

Homestead Schools is a leading provider of education in the nursing field. Their vocational nursing program draws consistent praise from the local community and the school has a formidable passing rate of 100% for its graduates. The school actively assists its students in getting suitable employment in their respective fields.

Now the school wishes to establish a similar reputation in the medical assisting area. It wants to start a pilot program of 15 qualified and ambitious students who'll assiduously pursue the program, graduate with honors, and obtain employment in medical offices in the South Bay area. Using that as a model, the school will expand the program on a continuous enrollment basis throughout Southern California.

Toward that goal, the school is willing to offer its first program to 15 students with absolutely free tuition. You'll have to pay for your uniform and basic equipment costing about \$150, but otherwise there's no cost to your schooling.

So if you wish to take advantage of this unique offer, contact George Dayrit at Homestead Schools (310) 791-9975 immediately. The school will accept only 15 students and this offer will not be repeated in the future. If you're a high school graduate and looking for career options, medical assisting offers the best prospects. And with this free tuition program cost is not a consideration. The class will start soon and the school expects it to be filled up very quickly. So do not delay!

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