

Medical Certification Programs

Medical certification programs provide the qualifications needed to work in many Allied Health positions. The programs range from certificate programs to full associate degrees. The cost, financial aid and length of time for each program varies, so it is important to research the details of any program you wish to pursue. Below is a list of programs available in the areas of Boston and Worcester.

Type of Program	Approximate length of time	Location	Description	Program	Estimated Cost
Applied Biotechnology	8 months	Boston University	BioScience Academy is a grant-funded program designed specifically to help unemployed or underemployed individuals with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math) background enter the biotech/ life sciences field. The two-semester program, which begins in September and ends in May, includes classes in biomedical science and clinical research, and an internship. Upon completion, graduates receive 12 Boston University credits and a Certificate in Applied Biotechnology. All classes are held at the BU Medical Campus in the South End. The goal of BioScience Academy is to prepare individuals for employment in biotechnology companies, medical centers and other life science institutions. If you are unemployed and have a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM), with two or more years of work experience in a STEM field, please consider this day program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor.	http://www.bu.edu/biosci/	Not listed, full tuition scholarships are available for qualified individuals
Biotechnology Lab Technician	9 months	Metro Boston SCILS Initiative	The biotech industry that creates drugs to treat a wide variety of diseases. The purpose of this certificate program is to educate individuals in biomedical science through laboratory, academic and business classes that they can then use to	http://scilsinitiative.org/	Not listed, no financial aid offered, other sources of

			leverage their backgrounds and gain employment in the biotech industry or in a related field.		funding available
Cardiac Sonography (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Bunker Hill Community College	This program prepares students in the imaging of the human heart with soundwaves. Students are prepared to use the equipment that produces soundwaves, obtains an image, and provides the physician with diagnostic information for treatment.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs/sonography/associateinsciencedegrees/medicalimagingprogram/cardiasonographyoption/	Not listed, financial aid available
Certified Nursing Assistant	4 or 7 weeks	American Red Cross	The Certified Nurse Assistant Training Course (CNA) will provide the information and skills that will enable students to provide quality care for residents in nursing homes, for clients at home and patients in hospitals.	http://www.redcross.org/ma/boston/take-a-class/nurse-assistant-training	\$950
Certified Nursing Assistant	6 or 10 weeks	Catholic Charities of Boston	The Certified Nurse Assistant Training Course (CNA) will provide the information and skills that will enable students to provide quality care for residents in nursing homes, for clients at home and patients in hospitals.	http://www.ccab.org/NurseAssistant/NASouthBoston.html	\$993
Certified Nursing Assistant	6 months	Quinsigamond Community College	The Nursing Assistant program prepares a student for a career as a nursing assistant in order to provide basic care to patients in long term care facilities, acute care, homecare, and residential facilities.	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/nursing-assistant	Not listed, financial aid available
EMT Paramedic	2 years	Quinsigamond Community College	The goal of the program is to prepare competent entry level Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics to serve in career and volunteer positions throughout the Commonwealth. At the completion of didactic, clinical and field practicum, the Paramedic student is prepared to sit for the Massachusetts Advanced Level Office of Emergency Medical Services Practical and Written Examinations.	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/emt-paramedic	\$11,737
Medical Assistant	6 months	Bunker Hill Community College	Graduates of this program qualify for employment in hospitals, clinics, health maintenance organizations, and physicians' offices as multi-skilled workers, medical assistants, medical aides, clinical assistants, and clinical practice assistants.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs/sonography/certificateprograms/alliedhealth/medicalassistantcertificateprogram/	\$4,439

Medical Assistant	1 year	Quinsigamond Community College	This program prepares students for a career as a medical assistant. The program goals are to provide quality, outcome based and competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge) psychomotor (skills) and affective (behavior) skills.	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/medical-assisting	\$8,609
Medical Interpreter	6 months	Bunker Hill Community College	Graduates of this program qualify for employment in hospitals, clinics, chronic care facilities, and health maintenance organizations as medical interpreters.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs/sofstudy/certificateprograms/alliedhealth/medicalinterpretingcertificateprogram/	\$2,838
Medical Lab Technician (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Metro Boston SCILS Initiative	Medical Lab Technicians analyze the samples that doctors take from patients. The MLT must provide the most reliable results possible to help the doctor make an accurate diagnosis.	http://scilsinitiative.org/	Not listed, no financial aid offered, other sources of funding available
Medical Lab Technician (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Bunker Hill Community College	This program prepares students through lectures, laboratory activities and hospital-based clinical experience to become Medical Laboratory Technicians. Students will get skills to work in a medical laboratory and perform tests that aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs/sofstudy/associateinsciencedegrees/medicallaboratorytechnicianprogram/medicallaboratorytechnicianprogram/	Not listed, financial aid available
Medical Radiography (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Bunker Hill Community College	This option prepares students to perform entry level diagnostic examinations on patients utilizing analog and digital technology to produce diagnostic images in a diverse healthcare environment. The field of radiography includes general radiography, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), mammography, and cardiovascular and interventional technology.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs/sofstudy/associateinsciencedegrees/medicalimagingprogram/medicalradiographyfull-timeoption/	Not listed, financial aid available
Occupational Therapy Assistant (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Quinsigamond Community College	This program prepares students for entry-level employment as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). The Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant practices under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapists (OTR) as a member of the health care team. Program	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/occupational-therapy-assistant	Not listed, financial aid available

			graduates are eligible to apply for certification by examination from the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy and, upon successful completion of the examination; the graduate may apply for state licensure which is offered based upon the NBCOT Certification examination results. Licensure is required for practice.		
Patient Care Technician	6-9 months	Bunker Hill Community College	This program prepares students to deliver direct patient care through classroom teaching, lab practice, and actual clinical experience in hospitals and long-term care facilities. Graduates qualify for employment in hospitals, clinics, chronic care facilities, and the home environment as multi-skilled workers, patient care technicians, patient care associates, medical aides, certified nursing assistants, and home health aides. Graduates are eligible to sit for certification exams for State Nurse Aide and Home Health Aide.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs/study/certificateprograms/alliedhealth/patientcaretechniciancertificateprogram/	\$3,981
Pharmacy Technician	6 months	Quinsigamond Community College	This course provides students with the knowledge needed to prepare for a career as a pharmacy technician.	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/pharmacy-technician	Not listed, financial aid available
Phlebotomy/EKG Technician	6 months	Quinsigamond Community College	The Phlebotomy/EKG Technician Certificate Program educates individuals to work in various aspects of healthcare including hospitals, clinics & outreach/home sites	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/phlebotomyekg-technician	Not listed, financial aid available
Phlebotomy	6-8 weeks	MassBay Community College	This is a one-semester program that prepares students for a career as a phlebotomist in various health care settings such as hospitals, physician offices, HMOs, surgical centers, and independent laboratories.	http://www.massbay.edu/uploadedFiles/Second_Level_Pages/Academics/Curriculum-Sheet-Health-Sciences-Phlebotomy-C.pdf	\$1,050
Physical Therapy Assistant (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Quinsigamond Community College	Physical therapist assistants implement treatment procedures in the rehabilitation of injured, ill or debilitated individuals. The Physical Therapist Assistant Degree program prepares individuals to work in the healthcare field under the direct supervision of a physical therapist in a variety of settings. The program also prepares students for	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/physical-therapist-assistant	Not listed, financial aid available

			the PTA licensure examination in the students' respective state of practice. The program is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education		
Radiologic Technology (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Quinsigamond Community College	This program prepares students for entry-level employment as Radiologic Technologists in various types of healthcare settings. Graduates are eligible to apply for certification by examination from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and licensing by the Radiation Control Program of MA-DPH (required for employment).	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/radiologic-technology	Not listed, financial aid available
Radiologic Technology (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Roxbury Community College	The Radiologic Technologist works within the healthcare environment to provide diagnostic images for treatment and diagnosis. The imaging professional is responsible for accurately positioning patients and ensuring that a quality diagnostic image is produced. Each Radiologic Technologist is responsible for radiation safety, radiation protection and basic patient care. Clinical experience in Boston – area hospitals combined with coursework prepares graduates for positions in this high demand field.	http://fx.rcc.mass.edu/new/Guests/programsheets/view.aspx	Not listed, financial aid available
Radiologic Technology (Associate's Degree)	2 years	MassBay Community College	The radiologic technologist provides diagnostic imaging services to patients in hospitals, clinics, private imaging centers, and medical offices. Graduates of the program are eligible to seek Massachusetts State Licensing and take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Examination.	http://www.massbay.edu/uploadedFiles/Second_Level_Pages/Academics/Curriculum-Sheet-Health-Sciences-Radiologic-Technology-Day-Option-AS.pdf	Not listed, financial aid available
Sonography – General (Associate's Degree)	2 years	Bunker Hill Community College	This program prepares students to pursue careers and registry-status in diagnostic medical sonography through comprehensive instruction and clinical experience. The program covers ultrasound physics, abdominal sonography, obstetrical and gynecological sonography, sonographic subspecialties, and cross-sectional anatomy.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs_of_study/associate_in_sciences_degrees/medical_imaging_program/general_sonography_option/	Not listed, financial aid available

Surgical Technician	9 months	Bunker Hill Community College	Graduates of this program qualify for surgical technologist positions in hospitals. Graduates of the program qualify to take the certification exam after a few months of on-the-job experience.	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/programs/sofstudy/certificateprograms/surgicaltechnology/surgicaltechnologycertificateprogram/	\$4,649
Surgical Technician	2 years	MassBay Community College	The Surgical Technology Program prepares graduates to function as members of the surgical team, assisting the surgeon, professional nurse, or anesthetist in a variety of surgical arenas.	http://www.massbay.edu/uploadedFiles/Second_Level_Pages/Academics/Curriculum-Sheet-Health-Sciences-Surgical-Technology-C.pdf	\$5,587
Surgical Technologist	1 year	Quinsigamond Community College	The Surgical Technology Program is designed to prepare the beginning practitioner to possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to provide services in the operating room in the role of Surgical Technologist as part of the surgical team. Instruction includes components of the basic sciences, operating room policies and procedures, safe patient care, operating room techniques, surgical procedures, and clinical practice.	http://www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/surgical-technology	\$9,321