

# EKG Technician

## INDUSTRY FACTS



### What does an EKG technician do?

Within the large and growing healthcare industry, EKG technicians play a key role in keeping a healthcare facility running smoothly. Their duties frequently include the following:

- Measure basic vital signs
- Perform rapid response procedures
- Operate an EKG machine and interpret output
- Prepare for, perform, and monitor EKG testing
- Record lead placement, measure and identify rhythms

### Where do they work?

EKG technicians work in round-the-clock healthcare facilities such as hospitals. The 24/7 nature of healthcare makes night and weekend schedules a possibility.

### How much do they earn?

With opportunities nationwide, EKG technicians can earn competitive salaries. The middle 50% of EKG technicians earn between \$24,000 and \$46,000 a year according to PayScale, and the average income is \$35,000.

### How's the job outlook?

The healthcare industry is growing rapidly due to the country's aging population and new healthcare laws. As medical practices expand, EKG technicians will be needed to care for patients who have heart conditions. Estimates show that industry employment will remain positive over the next 10 years—up 11% in that time.\*

\*U.S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

"I took the online EKG technician course while I was wrapping up my EMT course. The content was easy to understand and navigate, and technical support was there when I needed them. Thank you for a fantastic experience!"

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of posers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push. A nudge in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. And new opportunities explored.

### Prepare For A Better Job

EKG technicians work in nearly every sector of healthcare. These trained professionals test the electrical activity of the heart and provide doctors valuable information about their patient's cardiovascular health. This program's comprehensive curriculum was developed by industry professionals with years of experience—designed to prepare learners to earn the CET credential and elevate their skills.

### Learn Your Way

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

### Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from sign-up through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Career support

### Get Certified

We'll prepare you to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area.

- **Certified EKG Technician (CET)**  
This training program will prep you to become a CET—recognized by the National Healthcareer Association—so you can maximize your earning potential.

### Program Outline

#### Course

Program Orientation

HealthCare Foundational Knowledge and Basic Science

Anatomy and Physiology

General Patient Care

Infection Control

Externship Readiness Skills

Preparing for Your Externship

Patient Care Coordination and Education

Communication and Customer Service in the Healthcare Office

Electronic Medical Records

Medical Laws and Ethics

EKG and Cardiovascular

Career Success in Healthcare

EKG Final Exam

HIPAA Workforce Training

Initiating Your Externship

Clinical Externship

Program Completion

**TOTAL HOURS: 395**

**375 Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential +20 Clinical Externship**