

EKG Technician

INDUSTRY FACTS



What does an EKG technician do?

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 varying nationwide, EKG technicians can earn competitive salaries. EKG technician salaries vary based on location and experience, but according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median salary for EKG technicians \$67,260 per year.* Many techs also qualify for benefits.

How's the job outlook?

Estimates show that industry employment will remain positive over the next 10 years, with jobs increasing 11.*

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. "Diagnostic Medical Sonographers and Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians." Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed April 22, 2025.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Prepare For A Better Job

Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience – specifically designed to help you prepare for the Certified EKG Technician (CET) exam.

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 help you 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
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
Medical Laws and Ethics
EKG and Cardiovascular
Career Success in Healthcare
EKG Final Exam
Fundamentals of HIPAA
Applying for Your Required Externship
Clinical Externship*
Program Completion

***CareerStep does not guarantee externships.**

A learner's placement in and completion of an externship is solely the learner's responsibility and may be subject to additional requirements, such as a background check and successful completion of a CareerStep course. This is particularly important for learners seeking to complete their externship in Alabama, District of Columbia, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. Please note that CareerStep will not sign agreements with sites in the above-referenced states or provide evidence of insurance to those sites.