

EKG TECHNICIAN

Occupational Outlook Information

What EKG Technicians Do

An EKG Technician specializes in performing tests on a patient's heart via a stress test, a portable monitor, or a basic EKG.

Education

Students should complete a postsecondary education program then complete an EKG training program. National certifications are available through the American Society of Phlebotomists or the National Healthcareer Association and application is required.

Pay

Approximately \$30,000 annually. Entry-level wages are often lower than the median.

Skills

While the technical aspects of an EKG Technicians job duties are important, it is also necessary to have strong communication skills. A key component of the EKG Technicians duties is to reassure patients and help them relax. Technicians also interact with other medical professionals throughout the workday, particularly the attending physician, so they must be able to communicate effectively with these individuals.

Work Environment

EKG Technicians work in hospitals, or are employed by cardiologists and physicians in private practices. Medical clinics and similar healthcare facilities are another option.

Job Outlook

Stable within the Hudson Valley, however growing nationwide.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Onetonline.org

EKG TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PREPARATION

This course covers the role of the technician, patient privacy, medical terminology, the cardiovascular and respiratory system, and the function of electrocardiography. The course also includes a clinical portion that covers identifying the normal anatomy of the chest, proper procedures for recording and mounting the standard 12-lead electrocardiogram, recording and measuring EKG tracings, and recognition of abnormal tracings. Approved by New York State Bureau of Veterans Education for payment of VA Education Benefits. Prerequisite: high school diploma.

Required textbook: *EKG Plain and Simple*.

Instructor: D. Dittus.

DCB 1352-24	T	3/7-5/23
6-9pm		\$459
Exam date	T	5/30
6-8pm		\$85

Exam check made payable to ASPT is required with application which is due by 4/15.

Class meets at Health Alliance Educational Building, 394 Hasbrouck Avenue, Kingston.

