

## **McCann Programs Prepare Graduates for High-Demand Fields**

According to CareerOneStop, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, six of the top ten fastest-growing industries in the United States are in the healthcare field. These industries include services for the elderly, home health services, mental health services, allied health services, and community care facilities. McCann School of Business and Technology has short-term programs designed to prepare students for employment in these high-growth fields.

The Clinical Medical Assistant program, available at the Dickson City, Hazelton, Sunbury, Pottsville, and Wilkes-Barre campuses, helps students develop skill in the clinical duties performed by medical assistants. Clinical duties include taking blood pressure and pulse, weighing patients, and recording temperatures. The varied job duties of a medical assistant make this an exciting career opportunity. McCann's program helps students learn laboratory procedures, clinical skills, medical terminology, human anatomy and physiology, and emergency procedures.

As the demand for healthcare services increases, so will the demand for skilled medical coders. Coding professionals assign codes to identify inpatient and outpatient services and procedures, ensuring that physicians and other healthcare providers get paid for their expertise. The Medical Billing and Coding program focuses on bill submission and medical coding, preparing students for entry-level employment in the industry. This program is available at the Dickson City, Hazelton, Pottsville, and Sunbury campuses.

Medical laboratory technicians prepare specimens, perform basic laboratory tests, and operate analyzers. They work under the supervision of laboratory managers or medical laboratory technologists. The McCann Medical Laboratory Technician program, available in Allentown, Carlisle, Dickson City, Hazelton, Pottsville, and Wilkes-Barre, prepares students for entry-level employment in a medical laboratory setting. Students learn the skills needed to prepare specimens for analysis, monitor laboratory procedures, and identify the presence of infectious organisms in the blood.

Once a student gains work experience in these fields, advancement is possible with additional education or certifications. Experienced medical assistants may choose to learn specialized skills, giving them the opportunity to work in departments such as optometry or physical therapy. With additional education, a medical laboratory technician may advance to the position of medical laboratory technologist. Medical billers and coders have a variety of career options, as many companies hire at-home coding professionals, eliminating the need to commute to the workplace.

For more information on any of McCann's programs, contact the school at 1-888-844-2503.