

WORKING TO BE A

Cardiovascular Technician



What type of education does it take to become a cardiovascular technician?

- A high school diploma is required
- It is helpful to have taken the physical sciences and biology while in school
- Can go through a 2-4 year program to become more specialized

What licenses or certifications do you need to be a cardiovascular technician?

- CPR certification may be needed
- To become more specialized there are two to four year programs available

What do cardiovascular technicians do?

- Help doctors diagnose and treat cardiac and peripheral vascular ailments
- Can specialize in a few areas such as running EKG tests or performing specific procedures
- Explain testing procedures so the patients feel more relaxed
- Watch over the patient's comfort and safety during tests
- May schedule appointments, keep up the patient files, and take care of the equipment

What is the work environment like for a cardiovascular technician?

- Cardiovascular Technicians generally work in hospital cardiology departments
- Some work in doctors' offices or in laboratories
- Work areas are usually well-lit, temperature controlled, and quiet
- Cardiovascular technicians spend a lot of time walking and standing
- May be in close contact with patients with serious illnesses
- Usually work a five-day, 40 hour work week that may include nights and weekends

What is the normal pay range for a cardiovascular technician?

- \$12.33—\$27.15 per hour

What Source partners offer training to be a cardiovascular technician?

- University of Toledo

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How can a cardiovascular technician grow in their field?

- There are a few areas that a cardiovascular technician can specialize in :
- Cardiovascular technologist: they can specialize even further
- EKG technician