



Medical Transcription Industry Facts

What does a medical transcriptionist do?

The medical transcription industry is evolving to include two important roles:

- **Medical transcriptionists** type the audio dictations of doctor-patient interactions, creating the reports that make up patients' medical records.
- **Medical transcription editors** are specialized medical transcriptionists who correct and edit reports created by speech recognition software, which electronically translates dictations into text.

This training program prepares you for both of these fields, making you more flexible and marketable after graduation.

Where do medical transcriptionists work?

Advancements in internet technology and data security have changed the field of medical transcription and created a real work-at-home career for well-trained professionals. Home-based transcriptionists and editors enjoy the flexibility to choose their schedules according to their unique needs and the portability of a career that moves with them. There are also opportunities to work on-site in medical offices, hospitals, and transcription offices.

How much do medical transcription professionals earn?

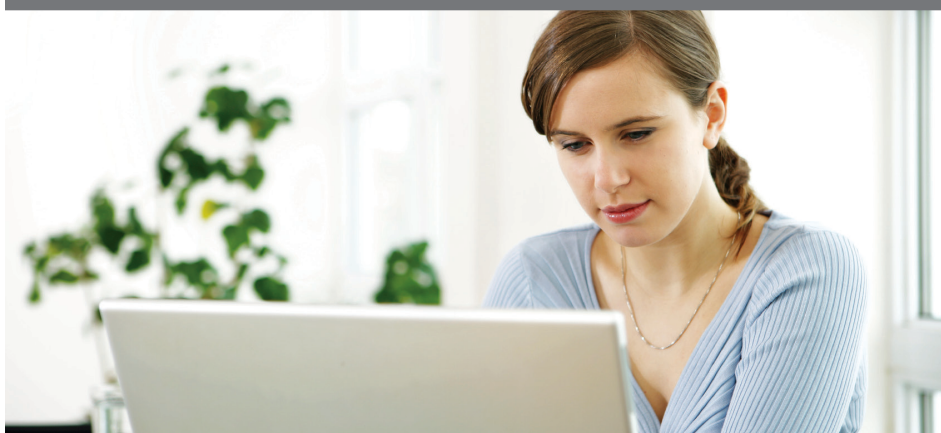
Medical transcription professionals are compensated in several different ways, and

the amount each individual earns varies with employer and experience level. The U.S. Department of Labor's industry report—encompassing both medical transcription and medical transcription editing—states that the middle 50% of professionals in the field earn between \$27,090 and \$38,590 annually.

Is the medical transcription field growing?

The 2010-2011 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, published by the U.S. Department of Labor, predicts:

- **A healthy job market** as industry employment is projected to grow by 11% by 2018. Many current medical transcription jobs may also transition to editor roles.
- **A high demand** for transcription services, sustained by the continued need for easily shared electronic documentation. This high demand may also encourage more employers to use speech recognition technology.
- **A growing number of professionals** needed in the field to amend patients' records, edit documents from speech recognition systems, and identify discrepancies in medical reports.



"This course is extremely thorough and prepares you for any scenario when working as a medical transcriptionist. Thank you for preparing me so thoroughly for a job that I now have and absolutely love!"

– Danielle, Class of 2009



Medical Transcription Training Options and Details

"I found the training to be excellent and very worth the investment. In contacting prospective employers, they all seem very open to hiring graduates . "

– Jennifer, Class of 2009

What do the programs cover?

Both medical transcription training options include a heavy focus on medical transcription specific skills.

Medical Transcription focus:

- Transcribing real-life doctor dictations
- Formatting reports for the final medical record
- Improving typing speed and accuracy to increase production

In addition to this core focus, the Medical Transcription Editor program also trains students as medical transcription editors.

Medical Transcription Editor focus:

- Editing and formatting physician-dictated medical records

- Fixing grammatical errors
- Improving content in an efficient and accurate manner

All program material is offered entirely online and includes interactive learning tools such as games, student forums, chat rooms, and hundreds of exercises that simulate the professional experience.

What kind of support will be available to me as a student?

Both training programs include access to several support teams dedicated to student success. The student support advisors have professional industry experience and are uniquely qualified to answer questions about both the curriculum and the industry. The technical support advisors will help with any technical or computer issues students may encounter within the program. The graduate

support team will help graduates make the most of available job search resources as they look for employment after graduation.

Will the programs prepare me for industry certifications?

The Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) maintains two industry credentials, the Registered Medical Transcriptionist (RMT) credential and the Certified Medical Transcriptionist (CMT) credential. Very few industry employers require either of these as a prerequisite to employment; however, program graduates who have taken the exams have generally done well. The RMT exam is designed for entry-level medical transcriptionists, and both programs help graduates gain a solid foundational understanding of the material covered by the exam.

What medical transcription training options are available?

There are two medical transcription training programs available:

- **Medical Transcription Editor** is built on the proven Medical Transcription program and trains you as both a medical transcriptionist and medical transcription editor, preparing you for the future of the industry
- **Medical Transcription** is designed to help you gain the knowledge and skills necessary to smoothly transition to the workplace as a medical transcriptionist.

Both of these programs offer quality, expert-created curriculum designed to help you quickly prepare for a new career. The Medical Transcription Editor program offers you the added benefit of training for multiple career paths and preparing for the future of the industry, expanding your career opportunities after graduation.



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