



Letter to Employers

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An Open Letter to Employers:

The National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) would like to familiarize you with its organization and credentials. You may be receiving this letter as part of a job application submission, as we recommend our certificants include it. Currently more than 152,000 allied health professionals hold one of our nationally accredited certifications. We offer certification examinations to qualifying candidates in these fields:

- Surgical Technology
- Patient Care Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Medical Assisting
- ECG Technician
- Insurance Billing and Coding
- Medical Office Assisting

Our certificants have worked hard to earn their NCCT credentials, and we are proud to let prospective employers know they are credentials of value. Here are just a few reasons why:

(1) All seven of our healthcare certification programs are accredited by the **National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)**. This is the same accreditation held by the CST (NBSTSA), CMA (AAMA), RMA (AMT), RPT (AMT), CCA (AHIMA), and NHA certification programs.

(2) The content of our certification examinations is determined by nationwide job analysis studies, each surveying more than 1,000 job practitioners. You can be confident that an NCCT certified applicant was tested over material that demonstrably pertains to the tasks required in the occupation. Our full detailed test plans can be downloaded from the **Forms/Docs** tab on our website at www.ncctinc.com. They may be of great value for comparisons to your job descriptions or to the content of other certification programs. Pass rates are available at the same location.

(3) When a surgical technologist holds and maintains a certification issued by a program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), employers and the public can be assured that the individual has met nationally recognized industry standards. There are two NCCA accredited surgical technologist certifications in the U.S. today - the CST (NBSTSA) and the TS-C (NCCT). Both require extensive clinical case documentation and passing of a certification examination covering a content domain specified by a formal job analysis study. NCCT not only offers the traditional educational route to certification, but paths including apprenticeship programs, military training and an experience route.

(4) NCCT credentialed medical assistants meet the **Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)** Electronic Healthcare Records Meaningful Use requirements for lab, X-ray, and medication order entry.

(5) NCCT is one of just three phlebotomist certification providers recommended by the Center for Phlebotomy Education, whose CEO has been recognized by the **Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI)** for excellence in standards development. CLSI standards guide laboratory protocols and procedures all over the world.

(6) NCCT provides pathways of lifelong learning for the individuals it credentials. NCCT healthcare professionals complete a minimum of 14 clock hours of continuing education (CE) annually to maintain active status, which provides employers with an assurance of their commitment to remain up-to-date in their professions. Employers can use our website **Verify Certification** function to check the status of any NCCT certificant.

We welcome the opportunity to provide you with any additional information you may need.

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