

Texas County Technical College in Houston, Mo, has met certification requirements and will be a testing site for the National Healthcareer Association certification testing. The NHA is an agency providing information resources, testing and continuing education for active office healthcare professionals.

The healthcare field continues to be one of the fastest growing segments of our nation's economy, demanding an ever increasing number of professionally trained, career-oriented individuals. The NHA has become the leading organization of its kind in the field of healthcare.

According to health care associations, the trend toward national certification is increasing. A substantial number of state agencies, hospitals and private practices already require national certification as a competency standard and it is a valuable asset in securing employment.

Barbara Romines, Academic Director, TCTC, reports, "The college is excited to become a testing site and the first scheduled test date will be December 15, 2009. Information on how to register for the test is found at [www.NHANOW.com](http://www.NHANOW.com). All current, and former, students in the Medical Office Assistant classes at TCTC are invited to register for the test date on-line with NHA. We also welcome anyone working in the field of Healthcare to feel free to register and take the test at our facility."

Tests available at this time include: Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, Certified Billing & Coding Assistant and Certified Billing & Coding Specialist/Certified Medical Administrative Assistant.

Study guides and information, about the certifications, are available at the NHA web site. Dates for a short review course, and our school testing code, are available at Texas County Technical College 417-967-5466. Mrs. Romines goes on to say, "We hope the health care employers and employees of Houston and surrounding communities take advantage of this opportunity to obtain this national certification."

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