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### Why I chose the career of Medical Assisting

The first thing a patient is going to see in a physician's office is the medical assistant. I have had my share of warm, friendly greetings as well as cold, dull greetings into a medical office. The first impression is the lasting one and the patient's interpretation of the facility will influence how they feel about the care given. I was drawn to this career because I believe health care is one of the most important things a person should maintain. There are a lot of people out there with fears of the doctor's office and I feel I could really improve the expectations of a health care facility with devotion to each and every person coming in and out.



The medical assistant is such a versatile person balancing between clinical and administrative duties. I would enjoy doing both types of duties in a physician's office where I could spend more time with each patient in a family type setting. Being able to make sure the office is prepared and running smoothly for the physician as well as making sure

the patients feel welcome and are receiving the best attention and care are what I would strive to do.

These duties cannot be taken lightly and must be carried out with determination. As a person I am always determined to do what it takes to go above the standards expected. A patient may view vital signs as a routine protocol that we must make but these tasks can determine a big difference in normal or indication of a disorder. I want to make sure that everything is measured accurately so that the patient knows they are in good hands.

The medical assistant is the key holder to the physician, the first person a patient goes to for their problems. I want to be there assisting the patient in solving them. I have always envisioned myself being a part of something that would make a difference. I am committed in what I do and patients deserve the commitment I can offer. I want to be sure that patients are comfortable and feel equally important. I also want to educate people on current health care information that is out there and its importance so that they will seek care as needed. Compassion, patience, respect, and understanding are what a quality medical assistant expresses everyday and I hope one day I can bring those to a physician's office.