

What's In A Name?



American Medical Technologists (AMT) awards national credentials for a variety of different allied health professions. Although some of AMT's credentials bear the designation "Registered", it is important to note that all individuals credentialed by AMT are considered "Certified". Below are clarifying facts concerning AMT's certification programs and credentials.

Industry Standards

- The "Registered" and "Certified" designations are interchangeable – both are utilized by leading accredited credentialing organizations and boards. Individuals bearing the AMT "Registered" credential have indeed been "Certified" by AMT, much to the same extent as Registered Nurses, Registered Dietitians and Registered Respiratory Therapists have been "Certified" by their respective boards.
- AMT exams are fully accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), a division of the National Organization for Competency Assurance. NCCA approval is an independent recognition that AMT's certification process conforms to a prescribed set of rigorous credentialing standards. NCCA and its standards do not distinguish between those of its accredited programs that use the word "Registered" versus those that use the word "Certified".
- Although few states have licensure laws and regulations directly addressing specific medical assisting credentials, those that do expressly acknowledge AMT certifications as valid credentials.
- AMT is listed as a national certification agency on the US Department of Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics web site.

AMT Credentials

- Individuals earning the AMT credential receive an official certificate from the AMT Board of Directors indicating that they are CERTIFIED in their specific allied health specialty.
- To earn the AMT credential, an applicant must have graduated from an accredited program (or in some instances met a specific number of years of relevant and supervised experience in a clinical setting) and must pass AMT's competency-based certification examination.
- AMT's exams are developed in accordance with state-of-the-art psychometric standards and administered with a high degree of examination security. The exam is periodically content-validated using task analyses to ensure that it tests for currently relevant competencies.
- AMT requires its certificants to document their ongoing professional activities, including continuing education, for maintenance of certification. Through this requirement, the practitioner demonstrates continued efforts to maintain the competencies acquired at initial certification.



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