Which Healthcare Field are you Interested in?

Use this comparison to help you decide which of these two popular WANIC programs to apply to.
BOTH programs are excellent foundational classes that prepare students for a future in healthcare.
BOTH programs would reflect very well on the résumé of a student pursuing *any* healthcare/medical field.

WANIC Health Science Careers At WANIC@LWTech, Sammamish HS, Woodinville HS*	WANIC Medical Careers At WANIC@LWTech only
Focus: Nursing Assisting, Pre-Nursing This WANIC program provides academic rigor, lab skills, and practical experience and prepares students to become **Nursing Assistant Certified (NAC), also known as CNA.** Program includes 40+ hours real-world clinical practice in facilities in the area. *Students who have earned their NAC, can receive on-the-job training in facilities to complete their Patient Care Technician (PCT) certification.*	**Focus: Medical Assisting, Medical Lab Assisting** This WANIC program provides academic rigor and practical skills covering the groundwork for medical assisting/lab assisting and prepares students to earn their **National Health Science Certification Exam (NHSCE)**. *Note: Students interested in earning their MA (Medical Assisting certificate) will need to complete additional college courses after the WANIC school year.*
High school credits: 3 (CTE, Health, Lab Science)	**High school credits:** 3 (CTE, Health, Lab Science)
Dual Credit college credits: Up to 22 college credits (At BC or LWTech) Subject to change.	**Dual Credit college credits**: Up to 12 college credits (At BC or LWTech). Subject to change.
Career Information Nursing Assistants	**Career Information Medical Assistants**
Nursing Assistants work in Hospitals, Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Home Health under supervision of a nurse and provide basic patient care.	Medical Assistants work in doctor offices, medical centers, labs, or clinics under supervision of a doctor or nurse and perform clinical and administrative duties.
Certified Nursing Assistants can expect to do the following in the workplace, plus additional skills as trained on the job: • Answer patients' call signals. • Turn and reposition patients. • Observe patients' conditions, measure and record food and liquid intake and output. • Measure and record patient vital signs. • Report changes of patient conditions to licensed staff. • Assist with patient feedings. • Support patients with ambulation and range of motion exercises. • Provide patient care by supplying/emptying bed pans, applying dressings, supervising exercise routines. • Bathe, groom, shave, dress, or drape patients to prepare them for surgery, treatment, or examination. • Collect specimens such as urine, feces, or sputum. • Transport patients to treatment units, using a wheelchair or stretcher. • Straighten patient rooms and change linens. • Assist Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists with patient care and care plans. • Job titles include Certified Nursing Assistant, Nursing Assistant Certified, Patient Care Technician. *At Woodinville HS, this program is called **Medical Professions Academy**. This is *not* the same as Medical Careers, which is offered only at WANIC@LWTech.	***Once certified*, Medical Assistants** can expect to do the following in the workplace: • Prepare treatment rooms for patient examinations, keeping the rooms neat and clean. • Prepare patients for the physician, interview them to obtain medical information, measure vital signs, weight, and height. • Record patient medical history, vital statistics, and information such as test results. • Help physicians examine and treat patients, handing them instruments and materials or performing tasks such as giving injections or removing sutures. • Explain treatment procedures, medications, diets, and physicians' instructions to patients. • Collect blood, tissue, or other laboratory specimens, log the specimens, and prepare them for testing. • Clean and sterilize instruments and dispose of contaminated supplies. • Schedule appointments, maintain medical records, and perform billing and coding for insurance purposes. • Prepare and administer medications as directed by a physician. • Authorize medication refills and provide prescription information to pharmacies. • Follow safety and procedural protocols in a medical laboratory, for example, urinalysis. • Assist Physical and Occupational Therapists with patient care and care plans.
Employment outlook: Increasing by 14%	**Employment outlook**: Increasing by 20%
*__NAC Hourly pay range Seattle Metro__: $19-26 *__PCT Hourly pay range Seattle Metro:__ $22-35	*__MA Hourly pay range Seattle Metro__: $21-33

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