

## **Medical Scribe Opportunities**

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### **Emergency Care Consultants- ECC (MN Emergency Departments)**

<http://www.emergencyscribes.com>

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ECC was the first scribe organization in Minnesota and they have been established since approximately 2007. Scribes will be working with a Physician, Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner, wonderful opportunity to work with a variety of providers.

#### Locations:

- Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis
- United Hospital, St. Paul
- Regina Medical Center, Hastings (one shift) \*rural opportunity
- Cambridge Medical Center, Cambridge (2 shifts) \*rural opportunity
- WestHealth, Plymouth (3 shifts \*starts Jan. 2013)

#### Additional Information:

There are 2 available tracks for scribes:

Full-time: This is designed for college graduates who have a year or two off before medical school. FT Scribes must work a minimum of 18 shifts each month (4-5 shifts per week) with a minimum commitment of one year.

Part-time: This is designed for current college students. PT Scribes must work at least 8 shifts each month (2 shifts per week) with a 2-year commitment.

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#### Shifts:

Shifts last an average of 8 hours. There is a balance of days, evenings, nights and weekends. Students are never scheduled to work during class time or exams. Schedules are made by the scribes, and there is a great amount of flexibility.

The majority of our hiring and training occurs in the spring and early summer, but we occasionally have positions available at other times.

You can [apply online](#), and once a complete application has been received, we will contact you for further information. Applications are accepted all year long. If no positions are currently available we keep your application on file for future availability.

**EPPA- Emergency Physicians Professional Association (MN emergency departments)**

<http://www.eppanet.com/> (website has little information about being a scribe)

MN- EPPA physician group (Emergency department scribe)  
Dr. Michael Bryant, Physician scribe director

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Scribe Emergency Department locations:

1. Mercy Hospital- Emergency Department (North- Alise)  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Hospital Beds: 275  
ED Beds: 23  
Trauma Designation: Level II  
ED Patient Volume: 54,000 per year

2. Unity Hospital- Emergency Department (North-Alise)  
Fridley, MN  
Hospital Beds: 250  
ED Beds: 24  
Trauma Designation: Level III  
ED Patient Volume: 42,000

3. Fairview Southdale Hospital- Emergency Department (South-Adam)  
Edina, MN  
Hospital Beds: 350  
ED Beds: 29  
Trauma Designation: Level III  
ED Patient Volume: 44,000 per year

5. Fairview Ridges Hospital- Emergency Department (South-Adam)  
Burnsville, MN  
Hospital Beds: 150  
ED Beds: 35  
Trauma Designation: Level III  
ED Patient Volume: 48,000

6. Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital (West-Kim)  
St. Louis Park, MN  
Hospital Beds: 426  
ED Beds: 32  
Trauma Designation: Level III

ED Patient Volume: 46,000

Gusties that worked at EPPA as a scribe:  
Ben Meyers, Dec. 2011  
Michael Klajda, 2013 (currently works)

Starting pay is \$8.50 and after 6 months increases to \$9.50 and if you become a trainer increases to \$11.50. Their program highlights are they have a mentor program with the physicians and this program offers mock interviews and letters of recommendation. Junior/Senior eligible and part-time is a two year commitment and full-time in a one year commitment.

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West Lead Scribe

Additional information: In the spring of 2007 a scribe program was launched at Mercy Hospital by the private physician group EPPA in which students were given the opportunity to work side by side with ED physicians. A scribe works one on one with a physician for each eight-hour shift. The scribe enters patient exam rooms with this doctor, takes the patient's history, and observes the exam. The doctor will then let the scribe know the physical exam findings and the scribe will document all of this. Often scribes will order lab tests and imaging studies for the physician. We document the results, as well as any medications or other interventions, procedures, etc. that occur during the patient's course in the emergency department. Our goal is to help decrease the amount of time a physician has to spend on a computer and increase his or her efficiency so he or she can better care for the patients.

There are numerous benefits of being a scribe including first hand experience in a medical environment and learning the process of medical documentation. Additionally, scribes often develop mentorship type relationships with physicians. Students have found the atmosphere to be one in which learning is fostered, and personal and intellectual growth is encouraged. Many of our former scribes have been asked about their experiences when interviewing for medical school.

**Elite Medical Scribes** (MN and National, clinic and Emergency Room)  
<http://www.elitemedicalscribes.com/>

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Company is based in Minnesota, but has connections and placements both in Minnesota and also nationally.

Placements in both Emergency Departments and Clinical settings.

Elite Scribe believes what sets them apart is their multi-level scribe training programs, which utilize various methods of learning. Generally accepted Junior and Senior applicants and part-time to full-time commitment required. Pay varies with specialty area and location, but generally around \$9 per hour. Again, this company serves both clinics and emergency rooms.

Locations:

Southern MN region: Owatonna, MN and Fairbault, MN

\*Many sites throughout Twin Cities

Alumni Scribes

Kyle Johnson, 2012

Spencer Bonnerup, 2012

**PHYSASSIST- Scribes** (National locations, 95% Emergency Room placements, some clinic). This organization is for students in a GAP year and you need to be willing/able to leave Minnesota.

<http://www.iamscribe.com/>

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A unique feature of this company is once you are hired, all scribes will receive five days of training in Fort Worth, Texas. Airplane ticket, housing and meals are all paid for by PHYSASSIST. They are looking for students that are professional, teachable and coachable. To see where they are currently hiring, follow these steps.

1. Visit the website: <http://www.iamscribe.com/>
2. Click on Be a Scribe
4. Click on Apply Now
5. Scroll down, under job openings and location box to see various locations of scribe positions.

The pay starts at minimum wage, so it is important to look for locations that might work for relocation purposes, such as extended family members living in the area. I met this company at a Health Professions Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. It was one of the first scribe companies and they are very professional to deal with and have many opportunities all over the United States.

Additional Information:

Part Time & Full Time Positions Available:

- Part-time scribes work 8-12 shifts per month, which averages out to 2-3 shifts per week.
- Full-time scribes work 16-20 shifts per month, which averages out to 4-5 shifts a week.
- Shifts are generally 8-10 hours long, but this may vary depending upon your location.

Scribe training generally consists of the following:

- 4-day pre-employment training course in Fort Worth, TX.
- 4-6 training shifts in the hospital with a CTS (Certified Trainer Scribe)
- Outside study of materials (scribe manual)
- Training quizzes taken at the beginning of your residency training shifts
- There is a lot to learn and the training will be fast-paced and intense, so you must be prepared for each shift.

Pay/Mobility

Our scribes begin the training process at minimum wage and work their way up. After training is completed, our scribes are able to earn advances based on their experience, commitment and productivity. After they have scribed for a period of time, they may become a part of our elite management team and apply to be a Chief Scribe or Certified Trainer Scribe.