

MEDICAL ASSISTANT - CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (CPCC)

Description

The Medical Assistant Career Pathway Certificate of Completion is a 35 credit, nine-month program designed to get highly trained, qualified, certified medical assistants into the local workforce quickly due to an extreme shortage of medical assistants in Central Oregon.

This program is in partnership with a local clinic, and the courses begin once per year in Spring term. Students may re-enter and complete the one-year certificate of completion.

Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a certificate of completion and are eligible to submit an application to sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) certification examination. Upon passing the AAMA exam, medical assistants earn the CMA.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Apply foundations of clinical practice to provide evidence-based, quality care for patients.
2. Implement concepts of applied communication to optimize patient care and promote positive interactions in the professional environment.
3. Apply medical business practices in the provision of patient care and services.
4. Demonstrate medical law and ethics in the application of medical assisting practice.
5. Implement safety and emergency practices in the course of patient care delivery and outpatient practice.
6. Display characteristics key to the provision of safe, quality patient care.

Entrance Requirements

Academic Entrance Requirements

Required:

- A high school diploma, GED, or a high school transcript noting successful graduation

Other Entrance Requirements

Required:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Criminal history check and 10-panel drug screen with vendor chosen by the College; see the [program page](#) for more information
- Documentation of current immunizations: TB blood titer, MMR, hepatitis B, varicella, Tdap, flu. While the COVID-19 vaccine is not required for entry into the Medical Assistant program, clinical sites for practicum courses may require the COVID-19 vaccine. Please contact the program director if you have any questions.
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers CPR and first aid training will need to be completed prior to entrance into practicum

- Additional immunizations, tracking fees, or background checks may be required by practicum sites at the student's expense
- Refer to [program technical standards](#) (physical, medical, safety, and other requirements that an individual must meet in order to be eligible for admission) for more information

Additional Program Costs (Beyond Standard Tuition/Fees and Textbooks)

Material Costs

Due to the rapidly changing nature of health care and associated costs, the following are only estimates and are subject to change.

- Stethoscope: \$30
- Blood pressure cuff: \$20
- Uniform and watch with second hand: \$75
- Immunizations and titers: \$0 to \$685 (some may be covered by insurance or subsidized by other funding sources)
- Immunizations tracking: \$10
- Criminal background check: \$65
- Urine drug screen: \$45
- Tracking fee for students rotating through St. Charles: \$20
- Cengage Learning Management System and online textbooks: \$179

Enrollment Fees

- Lab fees: \$665 to \$765

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
MA 110	Introduction to Clinical Medical Assisting	7
MA 111	Introduction to Professional Medical Assisting	4
MA 120	Clinical Medical Assisting II	7
MA 121	Administrative Medical Assisting	5
MA 137	Application of Professional Medical Assisting	4
MA 147	Medical Assistant Practicum I	5
MA 150	Pharmacology for Medical Assistants	3
Total Credits		35

Advising Notes

Program entry will be by instructor approval. Please contact the Program Director, Shannon Waller by email swaller@cocc.edu or by phone 541-318-3722.

Performance Standards

- Academic Requirements:
 - Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
 - All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
- Additional Requirements:

- Students must maintain an average of 75% on tests and 75% overall in each class to progress to subsequent core program classes. Students must pass 75% of lab skills check-offs on the first attempt to progress to subsequent core program classes. Students must demonstrate medication administration proficiency through a high score on a drug calculation exam prior to entering practicum. Students must complete 100% of psychomotor and affective competencies as identified by the program's accrediting body and complete a minimum of 160 hours of practicum to complete the program.

Sample Plan

First Term		Credits
MA 110	Introduction to Clinical Medical Assisting	7
MA 111	Introduction to Professional Medical Assisting	4
MA 150	Pharmacology for Medical Assistants	3
Credits		14
Second Term		
MA 120	Clinical Medical Assisting II	7
MA 121	Administrative Medical Assisting	5
Credits		12
Third Term		
MA 137	Application of Professional Medical Assisting	4
MA 147	Medical Assistant Practicum I	5
Credits		9
Total Credits		35