

HEALTH & EDUCATION

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Delivery: Daytime on campus, evening hybrid

Start: Fall or Spring Semester, Full- or Part-Time

AWARDS

Medical Assistant A.A.S. Degree. 60 cr.

Medical Assistant Diploma. 42 cr.

MAJOR DESCRIPTION

Medical assistants are multi-skilled health professionals specifically educated to work in a variety of healthcare settings performing clinical and administrative duties. The practice of medical assisting necessitates mastery of a complex body of knowledge and specialized skills requiring both formal education and practical experience that serve as standards for entry into the profession. A medical assistant's expansive cross-training includes duties such as taking medical histories, preparing patients for procedures, administering medications, drawing blood, obtaining vital signs, scheduling appointments and collecting and testing lab samples. The program goal is to prepare medical assistants who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains to enter the profession.

Employment in this field typically requires successful completion of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) certification exam.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Graduates assist primary care physicians and specialists in clinics ranging in size from single-doctor to large, multi-specialty. Opportunities are also present in a variety of other health care areas.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Certified Medical Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Clinical Assistant

SALARY DATA

See latest data at careerwise.minnstate.edu.

- Average Wage: \$23.54/hour
- Top Earners: \$24.87/hour

ACCREDITATION

The Medical Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scan the QR code for more program information and specific program costs; some courses may have additional lab or instructional fees.



MEDICAL ASSISTANT A.A.S. DEGREE

This is a suggested sample course sequence.

Please contact your program advisor regarding your academic plans.

First Year - Fall Semester 16 cr

HEAL1101	Anatomy and Physiology	4
HEAL1502	Medical Terminology	2
MDAS1125	Laboratory Skills I	4
MDAS1132	Clinical Procedures I	4
MDAS1151	Health Care Essentials	2

First Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

MDAS1223	Laboratory Skills II	4
MDAS1232	Clinical Procedures II	4
MDAS1271	Administrative Procedures	3
MDAS1702	Pharmacology & Math for Medical Assistants	4

First Year - Summer Session 11 cr

MDAS1211	Disease/Medical Treatment including Nutrition	4
MDAS2970	Practicum	6
MDAS2990	Capstone	1

Second Year - Fall Semester 9 cr

COMS1020	Interpersonal Communication	3
ENGL1150	Composition I	3
	General Elective (any MnTC area)	3

Second Year - Spring Semester 9 cr

	General Elective (MnTC Goal 3 or 4)	3
	General Electives (any MnTC area)	6

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

Medical Assistant A.A.S. students are required to obtain a C or higher on all MDAS, HEAL 1101, and general education courses.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT DIPLOMA

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First Year - Fall Semester 16 cr

HEAL1101	Anatomy and Physiology	4
HEAL1502	Medical Terminology	2
MDAS1125	Laboratory Skills I	4
MDAS1132	Clinical Procedures I	4
MDAS1151	Health Care Essentials	2

First Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

MDAS1223	Laboratory Skills II	4
MDAS1232	Clinical Procedures II	4
MDAS1271	Administrative Procedures	3
MDAS1702	Pharmacology & Math for Medical Assistants	4

First Year - Summer Session 11 cr

MDAS1211	Disease/Medical Treatment including Nutrition	4
MDAS2970	Practicum	6
MDAS 2990	Capstone	1

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 42

Medical Assistant Diploma students are required to obtain a C or higher on all MDAS courses and HEAL 1101.



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