



Medical Assistant

at Macomb Community College

Medical Assistants: Valuable Professionals

Medical Assistants have a great amount of variety in their jobs and are cross-trained to perform many administrative and clinical duties.

Administrative duties may include

- utilizing electronic medical records
- scheduling appointments
- arranging for hospital admissions and lab services
- management of correspondence and bookkeeping
- communicating with patients and members of health care teams

Clinical duties vary by physician practice and may include

- obtaining medical histories
- assisting health care providers with patient examinations
- performing basic lab tests
- preparing and administering medications
- collecting and preparing laboratory specimens
- performing electrocardiograms
- removing sutures and providing wound care
- educating patients on health and wellness

The Program

Macomb's Medical Assistant Program is designed to prepare you with the necessary skills and abilities to assist physicians in rendering professional services to patients. Employment may be available in private offices, clinics, hospitals, and federal and public health facilities.

The Medical Assistant Program is taught by health care professionals who are skilled clinicians and experienced instructors. This dedicated academic team offers multiple learning opportunities to prepare you for the professional challenges, and the rewards, that a career as a Medical Assistant can provide.

Macomb offers two pathways: the Associate of Applied Science Medical Assistant Degree or a Certificate in Medical Assistant. While both pathways offer the opportunity for entry into the health care field, you are encouraged to consult with a counselor early in your education to determine the best option.

The Importance of Obtaining Certification

The CMA (AAMA) credential is a national certification recognized by health care employers. This credential is awarded to candidates who have successfully completed the examination administered by the certifying board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). Like other professional designations, the credential of CMA (AAMA) is evidence of competence in a demanding field. Recent changes in health care reimbursement dictate that Credentialed Medical Assistants have the competence required to work with the emerging technologies in medical facilities.


Professionals passing the certification exam through the AAMA may use the CMA (AAMA) credential after their name. For more information, visit www.aama-ntl.org.

Accreditation

Macomb's Medical Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

CAAHEP
1361 Park Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
727.210.2350
www.caahep.org





To render service with full respect for the dignity of humanity
—Medical Assistant Code of Ethics

TRANSFERRING IS EASY

Credits earned at Macomb may be transferable. Students intending to transfer to another college or university should talk to a Macomb counselor or academic advisor before registering for classes.
Center Campus: 586.286.2228
South Campus: 586.445.7211
Email: answer@macomb.edu

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Contact Career Services
586.445.7321
careerservices@macomb.edu

For more information, visit www.macomb.edu and search “Medical Assistant” or call the Health & Human Services Department at 586.226.4757.

For general information about Macomb Community College, call 866.Macomb1 (866.622.6621) or email answer@macomb.edu.

Employment outlook

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As one of the fastest-growing health care careers, medical assisting offers significant potential within the health care industry. Medical Assistants who seek to advance in their career have the ability to become office managers, clinical supervisors or work in a variety of health-related support occupations. As health care professionals, Medical Assistants take satisfaction from knowing that they are making a positive difference in the lives of their patients.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

With an associate degree and the required certifications, you will be qualified for careers including certified medical assistant and medical office assistant. Median salary for these careers is \$29,080 in Michigan with 11 percent growth in openings expected through 2024. You will also be qualified for careers including licensed medical secretary, medical office specialist and patient coordinator. Median salary for these careers is \$31,310 in Michigan with 10 percent growth in openings expected through 2024.

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE

For information about program cost, on-time completion rates, typical student debt, and other important information, visit: Medical Assistant, Certificate: <http://www.macomb.edu/ge/MASTCT/>

Two years at Macomb equals a tremendous savings—about \$18,000—compared to attending a Michigan four-year public university. Approximately 80 percent of Macomb students leave the college DEBT FREE.
