

MEDICAL ASSISTING, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

The Medical Assisting program prepares students for a variety of careers in ambulatory healthcare.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Perform safe, competent, and responsible patient care and medical office procedures within the ethical and legal parameters of a medical assistant.
- Locate, use, and refer to credible professional and technical resources as needed in patient care and day-to-day office business.
- Apply observation, adaptability, critical thinking, and problem-solving techniques to continuously improve patient care, administrative operations, and staff relations in the medical office.
- Succinctly and accurately communicate and follow through with patients and members of the healthcare team using various modalities, including up-to-date computer technology.
- Implement efficient time-management techniques to ensure smooth patient flow in a medical office.

Associate in Science Degree Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
ANAT 5	Human Biology	4
CSIS 50 & CSIS 50L	MS Office Applications and MS Office Applications Lab	3
ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE	College Composition College Composition: Enhanced	3
MEDA 100	Introduction to Health Careers	1
MEDA 101	Ethics, Law and IT Security in the Medical Office	3
MEDA 105	Medical Terminology	4
MEDA 110	Medical Office Management ¹	3
MEDA 112	Medical Office Computer Applications	2
MEDA 114	Medical Insurance Management	2
MEDA 118	Pharmacology and Human Diseases	3
MEDA 120	Medical Assisting Clinical Techniques I	3
MEDA 121	Medical Assisting Clinical Techniques II	3
MEDA 122	Medical Assisting Clinical Techniques III	3
MEDA 130 or MEDA 140	Medical Assisting Externship ² Medical Assisting Apprenticeship Capstone	3
Current valid healthcare provider CPR certificate (American Heart Association only)		0
Recommended Electives		
HLTH 4	Healthy Living	
NUTF 1	Nutrition	
PSYC 50	Health Psychology	
TOTAL MAJOR UNITS		40
Additional Requirements		

Complete Competency Requirements, general education pattern (MPC General Education, CSU General Education, or IGETC), and electives, if needed, for a total of 60 degree-applicable units.

Total Units 60

1
A student enrolled in CLICK Medical Assisting Apprenticeships may substitute an Independent Study (MEDA 90, 3 Units) for MEDA 110.

2
MEDA 130 is appropriate for traditional Medical Assisting students. MEDA 140 is appropriate only for Medical Assisting Apprenticeship students.

Please refer to the graduation requirements section of the Catalog for information about degree and certificate requirements including Reading and Writing, Mathematics, Information Competency, and General Education requirements.

MPC "Ready to Work" Career Education programs offer students the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills needed for employment and job advancement.

All students should consult with a Counselor to discuss career pathways, for support with career exploration and planning, and to create a personalized education plan to help them meet their academic, career, and personal goals. Visit MPC's Counseling website for more information about Counseling services provided by MPC and to connect with a Counselor.

Additional resources are available through MPC's Career & Transfer Resource Center (CTRC). The CTRC offers career resources, workshops, guidance and referrals. Visit the CTRC for support finding online career information and other resources to explore majors, occupations, and employment information.