

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting

The Medical Assisting program is a 2-year associate degree program that includes classroom, laboratory, and practicum experiences. Medical Assistants are trained in both clinical and administrative duties for a variety of healthcare settings. According to the United State Bureau of Labor Statistics, Medical Assisting is one of the nation's fastest-growing careers. Advances in technology, a growing population of elderly Americans and an increasing number of outpatient facilities mean trained medical assistants are in demand.

The Medical Assisting program at Northwest State Community College meets the state education requirements in the state of Ohio. Northwest State Community College has not determined if the Medical Assisting program at Northwest State Community College meets the state education requirements in any other state, any U.S. Territory, or the District of Columbia.

Admission Requirements

- ◆ Course placement Algebra score at the MTH090 level or higher OR successful completion of MTH090.
- ◆ High School Biology and Chemistry with a lab component and a grade of "C" or higher OR BIO101 *Principles of Biology* with a grade of "C" or higher.
- ◆ Completion of any developmental courses needed as identified by ACCUPLACER testing.

Questions

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Program Accreditation

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

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
Education Programs
9355 113th St. N, #7709
Seminole, FL 33775
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PROGRAM SEQUENCE

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
CIS114	Microsoft Applications	3
ENG111	Composition I	3
* BIO150	The Human Body	4
PSY110	General Psychology	3
OAS180	Medical Terminology	3
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<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
+MEA101	Medical Assisting Clinical I	3
+MEA105	Laboratory Techniques	3
+MEA108	Administrative Medical Office Procedures	3
+MEA110	Pharmacology for Allied Health Professionals	3
+MEA205	Disease Conditions	3
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<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
OAS111	Electronic Health Records	3
+MEA229	Diagnostic & Procedural Coding	4
+MEA283	Computerized Medical Insurance	3
+MEA201	Medical Assisting Clinical II	3
ENG112	Composition II	3
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<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
SSC210	Cultural Diversity	OR
HST105	Cultural Competence w/ Diverse Populations	3
+MEA200	Administrative Externship	4
+MEA202	Medical Assisting Clinical Extern	4
	Math Elective (Statistics)	3
	Humanities Elective	3
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Total Program Credit Hours **64**

* **Prerequisite requirements for BIO150:** BIO101 or high school Biology and Chemistry with a grade of “C” or better. Demonstrated proficiency at the level of MT085 (Math Literacy) by placement test score or successful completion of the course.

Program Requirements Prior to Externships

- ◆ BCI and FBI criminal background checks are required 6 to 8 weeks before taking the Externship courses. Previous conviction of a felony may prevent an applicant from being eligible for the certification exam given by the American Association of Medical Assistants. “Individuals who have been found guilty of a felony or pleaded guilty to a felony are not eligible to take the Certified Medical Assistants Exam. However, the certifying board may grant a waiver based upon mitigating circumstances.”
- ◆ American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR + First Aid
- ◆ Health Insurance Coverage
- ◆ Health Physical & Immunizations Form
- ◆ Confidentiality Statement