

Medical Assisting

Medical Assisting Diploma (D45400)

Diploma Awarded

The college awards a diploma in Medical Assisting upon completing the diploma requirements. Graduates of this CAAHEP Accredited program may apply to take the certification examination administered by the American Association of Medical Assistants. Credits from this program can be applied toward requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Medical Assisting.

Graduates of CAAHEP accredited medical assisting programs may be eligible to sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination to become Certified Medical Assistants. Employment opportunities include physicians' offices, health maintenance organizations, health departments and hospitals.

Admissions

- Complete a Central Piedmont admissions application.
- Submit high school transcripts and any college transcripts (if applicable).
- Take required placement tests.
- Complete any necessary Developmental classes with a "C" or better.
- Students must be selected to enter the program. Upon acceptance and enrollment in the program, students must take all courses in the scheduled sequence.
- Many courses have prerequisites or co-requisites; check the Courses section for details.
- A physical examination (including a drug screen) documenting the applicant's ability to complete all program requirements is required
- Students entering or re-entering the MED program must successfully re-take any MED courses taken five or more years prior to the entry or re-entry point.

Program Accreditation

The Medical Assisting Diploma Program on Central Campus 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)*, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 9355-113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, Email: mail@caahep.org, Phone: 727.210.2350.

Notes

- ACA 122 College Transfer Success is highly recommended before or with entrance in the Medical Assisting program.
- Progression in this program is dependent on satisfying course prerequisites, co-requisites and maintaining a grade of "C" or better for all courses in the curriculum.
- Students must have current CPR Certification prior to the Practicum (MED 260).
- In addition to tuition, lab fees and textbooks, this program has additional costs that include uniforms, lab coats, personal protective equipment, physical examination including immunizations and drug screening, application fees for sitting for the Certification Exam and a Central Piedmont Medical Assisting pin.

- In order to participate in clinical education experiences at health care facilities, students may be required to submit results of a NC state or national criminal background check at their own expense. As a condition of program admission, students may be required to verify that they are United States citizens or are otherwise legally authorized residents of the United States.

Contact Information

The Medical Assisting Program is in the Outpatient and Simulation Division. For more information, visit the Medical Assisting Program website. For further assistance, contact the program chair at 704.330.6482.

General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
Select 3 credits of the following:		3.0
COM 110	Introduction to Communication	
COM 120	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	
COM 231	Public Speaking	

Major Requirements

MED 110	Orientation to Medical Assisting	1.0
MED 118	Medical Law and Ethics	2.0
MED 121	Medical Terminology I	3.0
MED 122	Medical Terminology II	3.0
MED 130	Administrative Office Procedures I	2.0
MED 131	Administrative Office Procedures II	2.0
MED 140	Examining Room Procedures I	5.0
MED 150	Laboratory Procedures I	5.0
MED 260	MED Clinical Practicum	5.0
MED 116	Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology	4.0
MED 262	Clinical Perspectives	1.0
MED 240	Examining Room Procedures II	5.0
MED 272	Drug Therapy	3.0

Total Credits		47
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