# **MEDICAL ASSISTING**

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#### Major Description

Are you a people person and a born organizer with an interest in healthcare? You may have the skills it takes to excel at a career in medical assisting. Schoolcraft's programs prepare you to handle both the care-giving and administrative aspects of the growing healthcare field

- Medical assisting certificate will prepare you for entrylevel employment as a medical assistant, who perform a wide range of roles in physician's offices, clinics and other healthcare settings.
- Medical biller/receptionist skills certificate will prepare you for employment in a variety of healthcare facilities providing organizational support and ensuring their smooth operation and patient satisfaction.
- Phlebotomy skills certificate will get you ready for employment as a phlebotomist in a medical office, clinic or healthcare facility, drawing blood through a method called venipuncture.
- Physician office medical transcription skills certificate will prepare you for employment as a transcriptionist, responsible for typing medical letters, chart notes, consultations, history, physicals, discharge notes and initial office evaluations.

Job Titles & Median Salaries or Hourly Rates

- Medical Assistant: \$28,860 (national)
- Medical Biller/Receptionist: \$33,710 (national)
- Phlebotomist: \$36,280 (national)

The medical assisting program is designed to prepare the student for entry-level employment as a medical assistant. The curriculum is designed to prepare the student to acquire knowledge, skills and behavior necessary for a competent entrylevel medical assistant in a healthcare setting. The program is designed to coordinate classroom and laboratory experience with practical experience in a healthcare facility such as the physician's office. Medical assistants are multi-skilled allied health professionals who perform a wide range of roles in physicians' offices, clinics and other healthcare settings. They are proficient in a multitude of clinical and administrative tasks and are widely viewed by doctors as vital members of the healthcare delivery team. Students are required to achieve a grade of 2.0 or better for all HIT and MA courses. Academic and medical assisting courses must be completed by the end of the winter semester to be eligible for placement in the Office Practicum offered in the spring. The Office Practicum is an externship that is structured to provide experiences in applying knowledge, in performing administrative and clinical procedures and in developing professional attitudes for interacting with other professionals and consumers in a healthcare facility.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements qualify for a certificate of program completion.

The medical assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Review Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants Endowment (AAMAE). Graduates are eligible to take the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) examination conducted by the certifying board of the American Association of Medical Assistants.

This program requires a special admissions process. Contact the Admissions and Welcome Center at 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu to complete an application.

### Medical Assisting Certificate

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

#### Admission Prerequisites

BIOL 105	Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology4
HIT 104	Medical Terminology4

#### **Total Credits 8**

### First Year—Fall Semester

CIS 120	Software Applications
MA 110	Phlebotomy4
MA 140	Medical Office Procedures
MA 134	Medical Insurance Coding

#### Total Credits 13

#### First Year—Winter Semester

MA 174*	Medical Laboratory Techniques4
MA 180*	Medical Office Clinical Procedures4
MA 155	Medical Insurance Billing3

### **Total Credits 11**

#### First Year—Spring Session

MA 195	Office Practicum

**Total Credits 3** 

### **PROGRAM TOTAL 35 CREDITS**

\* Courses open only to students who are officially admitted to the medical assisting program.

For more information about accreditation please contact: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) 1361 Park Street Clearwater, FL 33756 727-210-2350 mail@caahep.org www.caahep.org

## Medical Biller/Receptionist Skills Certificate

The medical biller/receptionist certificate prepares the student to answer telephones, route calls, greet visitors, respond to inquiries from the public, perform medical insurance billing and provide information about the healthcare facility. Job opportunities are in medical offices, hospitals, clinics, healthrelated facilities, urgent care centers, and surgical centers.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements qualify for a certificate of program completion. All program required courses must have been completed with a grade of 2.0 or better.

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

#### First Year—Fall Semester

CIS 120	Software Applications	3
HIT 104*	Medical Terminology	1
MA 134*	Medical Insurance Coding	3

**Total Credits 10** 

### First Year—Winter Semester

MA 155*	Medical Insurance Billing3
MA 140*	Medical Office Procedures

Total Credits 6

#### **PROGRAM TOTAL 16 CREDITS**

\* Courses apply to the medical assisting program.

### **Phlebotomy Skills Certificate**

The phlebotomy certificate prepares the student for employment as a phlebotomist with job opportunities in a medical office, clinic or healthcare facility. The phlebotomist is trained to draw blood through a method called venipuncture. A venipuncture is performed when a large specimen of blood is needed for testing.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements qualify for a certificate of program completion. All program required courses must have been completed with a grade of 2.0 or better.

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

#### First Year—Fall Semester

BIOL 105*	Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology4
CIS 105	Computer Orientation1
HIT 104*	Medical Terminology4

### Total Credits 9

### First Year—Winter Semester

MA 110*	Phlebotomy4
MA 140*	Medical Office Procedures

### **Total Credits 7**

#### PROGRAM TOTAL 16 CREDITS

\* Courses apply to the medical assisting program.

All courses may be applied toward the associate in general studies degree.

### Physician Office Medical Transcription Skills Certificate

The physician office medical transcription certificate prepares the student for employment as a transcriptionist with job opportunities in a medical office, clinic, or physician office. The physician office transcriptionist is responsible for typing medical letters, chart notes, consultations, history, physicals, discharge notes, and initial office evaluations.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements qualify for a certificate of program completion. All program required courses must have been completed with a grade of 2.0 or better.

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

#### First Year—Fall Semester

BIOL 105*	Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology4
HIT 104*	Medical Terminology4
OIS 100	Keyboarding 12

### Total Credits 10

#### First Year—Winter Semester

HIT 114*	Pharmacology for Health Professionals2
MA 140*	Medical Office Procedures
MT 108	Physician Office Transcription2

#### **Total Credits 7**

#### **PROGRAM TOTAL 17 CREDITS**

\* Courses apply to the medical assisting program.

All courses may be applied toward the associate in general studies degree.