

College of DuPage
Medical Assistant Program
Associate of Applied Science Degree
&
Certificate Program



**Fall 2021 Registration Requirements
(MASST 1130 – Intro to Medical Assisting)**

**Registration Deadline:
Start of the semester or until the course fills**

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College of DuPage Medical Assistant Certificate/Degree Program

The Medical Assistant performs routine administrative and clinical tasks within a medical office. Duties may vary from office to office; however, administrative duties usually include answering telephones, greeting patients, updating patient medical records, scheduling appointments, arranging for hospital admissions, and handling billing and accounting procedures. There is a growing demand for medical assistants, affording many job opportunities in the community.

Clinical duties may also vary but include taking medical histories, recording vital signs, preparing patients for examination and assisting the physician during the examination. Clinical duties also include collecting blood specimens by both capillary and/or venipuncture technique, performing basic laboratory tests, disposing of contaminated supplies, sterilizing equipment, instructing patients about medication and special diets, preparing and administering medications as directed by the physician, authorizing drug refills and performing EKGs.

College of DuPage offers both an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program and a certificate program for Medical Assistant. Both programs are designed to prepare students to work in a medical office performing both administrative and clinical procedures. The programs may be completed on a full-time or part-time basis.

The College of DuPage Medical Assistant Certificate Program is accredited by the [Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs](#) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assistant Education Review Board (MAERB).

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Students completing the certificate or degree program are eligible to take the Certified Medical Assistant CMA (AAMA) Exam through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). Students can also petition to receive a certificate from the college in "Medical Assistant" upon completion of the medical assistant core courses. More information about AAMA or the CMA (AAMA) exam can be found by clicking on the [American Association of Medical Assistants](#) website.

Employment

Employment of Medical Assistants is expected to grow by 19 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations due to growth of the aging baby-boom population continues to spur demand for preventive medical services. An increasing number of group practices, merging of many healthcare facilities, and clinics will continue to need medical assistants, to perform both administrative and clinical duties.

Job Outlook

Medical Assistant is one of the ten fastest-growing careers in health care due to an increase in the number of physician group practices that need support personnel as well as the increase in the aging population and the implementation of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR). For current information concerning the job outlook for Medical Assistants visit the [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics website](#).

Earnings

Earnings may vary, depending on geographical location, experience and skill level. Employers are increasingly demanding that medical assistants have a professional credential. The average annual salary for a full-time practitioner CMA (AAMA) in 2018 was \$17.23 per hour according to the American Association of Medical Assistants. See most current information here: <http://aama-ntl.org/medical-assisting/comp-benefits#.VVDp8pMXvgM>

Program Goals

The goal of the Medical Assistant program is to prepare competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- _____ 1. Register to attend a mandatory Medical Assistant [Advising Session](#). **It is required that an applicant attend an advising session within a 12 month period prior to the application deadline.**
A Photo ID is required for attendance at advising sessions.

- _____ 2. If you have not been admitted to College of DuPage, please complete the **non-refundable \$20 [College of DuPage General Admissions Application](#)** online. **This application is for general admissions to College of DuPage only.**

- _____ 3. Complete Computer Information Systems (CIS) 1110 or 1150 or OFTI 1200 or higher with a grade of “C” or higher and must be completed within **3 years** of program start date (8/23/18 – 8/23/21).

- _____ 4. Complete at least **one** of the below courses by the registration deadline:
 - a. **Health Sciences 1110 (Biomedical Terminology)** with a grade of “C” or higher and must be completed within **5 years** of program start date (8/23/16 – 8/23/21).

 - OR**

 - b. **Anatomy & Physiology 1500 or higher** (1551 & 1552 or 1571 & 1572) with a grade of “C” or higher and must be completed within **5 years** of program start date (8/23/16 – 8/23/21). *If you choose the two course sequence (ANAT 1551 & 1552 OR ANAT 1571 & 1572), then both courses must be complete.*

- _____ 5. Once all above steps are completed, please e-mail clinicalrequirements@cod.edu in order to notify them of your interest in registering for the program. **You must indicate your program preference: Certificate or Degree in the e-mail.** (Note: this can be changed in the future but the system requires you to declare). You will then receive instructions to register for **MASST 1130 “Intro to Medical Assisting”**. This course is the official entrance into the program.

- _____ 6. To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the registration requirements, turn in **ALL** official Transcripts from institutions that you have attended. Immediately:
 - a. Submit your official transcript(s) to **College of DuPage, [Office of Student Records](#)**. *If College of DuPage is the only institution you have attended, you do not need to request official transcripts.*

 - b. Verify receipt of your transcript(s). Log into myACCESS account, click on ‘myACCESS for Students’, select ‘**My Profile**’. The receipt status of your transcript will be listed under ‘**Transcript Institutions**’.

NOTE: If you have an international transcript from high school or college, it must be evaluated
Please visit the following website

https://www.cod.edu/registration/records/trans_eval_listing.aspx for details.

Acceptance/Registration to the Medical Assistant program does not guarantee successful program completion and/or graduation from the program.

Other necessary requirements of the program will be outlined in detail upon program start.

Program Information Disclaimer

This program information packet is published for that purpose; however, the information in this packet is not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the program. The program reserves the right to change, at any time, without notice, requirements, fees and other charges, curriculum, course structure and content, and other such matters as may be within its control, notwithstanding any information set forth in the program information packet in accordance with the College of DuPage policies and procedures.

Standard Skills in Medical Assisting

To participate in the Medical Assistant program, students must possess additional non-academic skills. These standard skills listed below are consistent with the duties of the entry-level medical assistant in a professional position. These skills, which protect the health and well-being of patients, may include but are not limited to the ability to:

- Demonstrate the ability to move, lift or adjust patients
- Demonstrate professional interpersonal communication skills (verbal and written)
- Demonstrate the ability to perform multiple tasks at any time
- Demonstrate visual acuity to differentiate colors
- Demonstrate manual dexterity
- Manipulate appropriate administrative and clinical office equipment
- Perform for a prolonged period without breaks in a typical shift of eight hours.
- Demonstrate good listening skills
- Demonstrate good judgment
- Communicate orally and in writing in the English language with patients, doctors and other personnel clearly and effectively
- Follow verbal and written direction in the English language

If you are uncertain of your ability to perform these essential functions or feel you need reasonable accommodations to perform them, please consult with Special Student Services.

Statement on Medical Care and Health Insurance

Students are responsible for their own medical care and health insurance while in the program. Students must possess health care insurance in order to train at the clinical affiliate. The student is responsible for any costs that may be incurred related to personal injuries he/she may acquire while performing activities at the clinical affiliate. The affiliating clinical facility and/or College of DuPage cannot be held liable for such injuries. Please visit the [Student Health Insurance](#) website for additional details. Students are required to provide evidence of current health insurance coverage. Please follow specific guidelines as instructed for submitting proof of insurance.

Statement on Medical Malpractice Insurance

Malpractice insurance is required and is included in the clinical education tuition costs on an annual basis. That is, the cost of the insurance is included with the tuition costs for MASST 2250. Students must be officially registered and listed on the instructor's class roster to be covered by the malpractice insurance.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The College prohibits discrimination in its admissions, employment, and educational programs or activities on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, arrest record, military status or unfavorable military discharge, citizenship status, and physical or mental disability. The College will protect an individual's right to express their viewpoint or opinion, so long as it does not violate State or Federal law and is not detrimental to the College.

This Policy against discrimination applies throughout all College environments, whether on campus, at work assignments off campus, at College-sponsored social functions, or otherwise.

Procedures to facilitate the College's prohibition of discrimination will be promulgated consistent with the Policy. (Board Policy 20-5).

Student E-Mail Policy

College of DuPage will send all official communications to you through your official COD email (dupage.edu). You will no longer be able to use a preferred email account. You do have the option to forward these communications to a personal email account if you wish.

Check out your COD email to get the message about:

- Official COD communications
- Financial aid communications
- Petition to graduate
- Transfer credit evaluation
- Prerequisite proof Sensitive
- FERPA-related communications
- Transcript order Important messages from instructors

https://cod.edu/student_life/resources/information_technology/email/email-policy.aspx

Citizenship/Visa Status

If you are not a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S., and if you have any questions or concerns regarding your eligibility to participate in health sciences programs, please contact the **International Student Office**, SSC 2225, (630) 942-3328, e-mail: intlstdt@cod.edu.

Qualified applicants will be considered out-of-district in the admissions ranking process if they are **not** a:

- U.S. citizens
- Permanent residents

Transfer Credits

Transfer credits are **not** accepted for any of the Medical Assistant Program courses below.

MASST 1130, MASST 1133, MASST 2211, MASST 2237, MASST 2239, MASST 2245, MASST 2253, MASST 2250, HLTHS 1120, MASST 2235. We do not accept experiential learning as credit.

Unpaid Clinical/Practicum Component

Students who are accepted into the program and complete all classroom courses, demonstrate professionalism and proficiency in all competencies will be eligible for the final capstone course MASST 2250. Students who are eligible must pass a chart review, drug test, a criminal background check and complete a CPR course for health care providers by the American Heart Association before placement on a practicum assignment.

Applicants may also be required to have written permission from a licensed physician stating they can perform all the duties of a Medical Assistant, despite the presence of a specific medical condition (i.e., back problem). **NOTE: All necessary requirements will be outlined prior to MASST 2550. Please do not begin these requirements until instructed to do so.**

The Medical Assistant program **requires** one clinical/practicum assignment: MASST 2250, Medical Assistant Practicum and **offers** an **optional** clinical component: HLTHS 1124, Phlebotomy Clinical.

Most clinical sites are located within District 502; however, some sites may be located outside the district. Students may not receive payment for any clinical assignment. Students must be supervised at all times during any clinical assignment. The practicum coordinator is responsible for placement of medical assistant students in a physician office. Practicum assignments are a minimum of 180 daytime hours. Students must commit a minimum of 3 days per week or 20 hours per week to the MA practicum.

Health Requirements

Please do not begin these requirements until instructed to do so. Students must complete all health requirements before registering for any clinical/practicum assignment. Medical Assistant practicum assignment is at the end of the program when all classroom courses are complete. Access the most up to date information here: [Health Requirement Packet](#).

Note: Please see specific program registration or admission packets for detailed information on when to begin

completing health requirements, drug tests, CPR, criminal background checks and proof of insurance submission. Timing varies depending upon either entrance to or participation in the clinical component of a given program. Funds paid to Edward Corporate Health or to a personal health care provider/ source, background check, drug test, and document management provider, insurance companies, and funds used towards CPR completion are not eligible for any sort of refund from College of DuPage if the required course(s) are not successfully completed.

For additional information contact:

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Medical Assistant Certificate Program Requirements

MA Core Courses

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| **Anatomy & Physiology 1500 or higher (A&P 1551 & 1552 or 1571 & 1572) | 4 - 8 credit hours |
| ** Health Science 1110 - Biomedical Terminology | 3 credit hours |
| Psychology 1100 | 3 credit hours |
| *Computer Information Systems 1110 or Higher | 2 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 1130 – Intro to Medical Assisting | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2235 – Diagnostic Procedures | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2233 - Pathophysiology for Medical Assistants | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2211 - Legal Aspects in Health Care | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 1133 – Practice Finance for Medical Assistants | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2237 - Assisting with Medical Specialties | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2239 - Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2245 - Workplace Development | 2 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2253 - CMA prep | 1 credit hour |
| Medical Assistant 2250 - Medical Assisting Practicum | 3 credit hours |
| MA Certificate: MA Core Courses | 39 credit hours |

****One of these classes must be completed with a "C" or higher before registering for the MA program.**

***Class must be completed with a "C" or higher before registering for the MA program.**

Core MA courses must be completed with a "C" or higher for graduation.

NOTE: Students may complete course work for both the A.A.S. degree and certificate program on a full- or part-time basis. Course work must be completed within four years of acceptance into the program.

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Medical Assistant Certificate
Full-time Sample Schedule

Effective date Fall 2020

| 1st Semester | | |
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| Anatomy & Physiology | 1500 or higher | 4 credit hours |
| Biomedical Terminology | HLTHS 1110 | 3 credit hours |
| Computer Information Systems | CIS 1110 or higher | 2 credit hours |
| Psychology | PSYCH 1100 | 3 credit hours |
| 2nd Semester | | |
| Intro to Medical Assisting | MASST 1130 | 3 credit hours |
| Pathophysiology for MA's | MASST 2233 | 3 credit hours |
| Practice Finance | MASST 1133 | 3 credit hours |
| Diagnostic Procedures | MASST 2235 | 3 credit hours |
| 3rd Semester | | |
| Legal and Ethical Aspects | MASST 2211 | 3 credit hours |
| MA Clinical Procedures | MASST 2239 | 3 credit hours |
| Assisting with Medical Specialties | MASST 2237 | 3 credit hours |
| Workplace Development (1st 12 wks) | MASST 2245 | 2 credit hours |
| CMA Preparation (2nd 4 wks) | MASST 2253 | 1 credit hour |
| 4th Semester MA Practicum | | |
| | MASST 2250 | 3 credit hours |

Total Hours 39 credit hours

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Part-time Sample Schedule

| 1st Semester | | |
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| Anatomy & Physiology | 1500 or higher | 4 credit hours |
| Biomedical Terminology | HLTHS 1110 | 3 credit hours |
| Computer Information Systems | CIS 1110 or higher | 2 credit hours |
| 2nd Semester | | |
| Intro to Medical Assisting | MASST 1130 | 3 credit hours |
| Psychology | PSYCH 1100 | 3 credit hours |
| Diagnostic Procedures | MASST 2235 | 3 credit hours |
| 3rd Summer Semester | | |
| Legal and Ethical Aspects | MASST 2211 | 3 credit hours |
| 4th Semester | | |
| MA Pathophysiology | MASST 2233 | 3 credit hours |
| Practice Finance | MASST 1133 | 3 credit hours |
| Assisting with Medical Specialties | MASST 2237 | 3 credit hours |
| 5th Semester | | |
| MA Clinical Procedures | MASST 2239 | 3 credit hours |
| Workplace Development (1st 12 wks) | MASST 2245 | 2 credit hours |
| CMA Preparation (2nd 4 wks) | MASST 2253 | 1 credit hour |
| 6th Semester MA Practicum | | |
| | MASST 2250 | 3 credit hours |

Total Hours 39 credit hours

Medical Assistant A.A.S. Degree Program Requirements

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| ***English 1101 or 1105 | 3 credit hours |
| ***Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150 | 3 credit hours |
| **Health Science 1110 - Biomedical Terminology | 3 credit hours |
| **Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) 1500 or higher (A&P 1551 & 1552 or 1571 & 1572) | 4-8 credit hours |
| ***Math 1102 | 3 credit hours |
| Psychology 1100 | 3 credit hours |
| *Computer Information Systems 1110 or higher | 2 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 1130 – Intro to Medical Assisting | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2211 - Legal Aspects in Health Care | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2235 – Diagnostic Procedures | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2233 - Pathophysiology for Medical Assistants | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 1133 – Practice Finance for Medical Assistants | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2237 – Assisting with Medical Specialties | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2239 - Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant 2245- Work Place Development | 2 credit hours |
| Health Science 2253- CMA Prep | 1 credit hour |
| Medical Assistant 2250 - Medical Assisting Practicum | 3 credit hours |
| Medical Assistant A.A.S. Degree Credit Hours | 64 credit hours |

Program Electives – Students must complete the required amount of elective courses in order to reach 64 credit hours for the A.A.S. Degree

**Class must be completed with a “C” or higher before registering for the MA program.*

***One of these classes must be completed with a “C” or higher before registering for the MA program.*

***General education requirements

Core MA courses must be completed with a “C” or higher for graduation.

NOTE: Students may complete course work for both the A.A.S. degree and certificate program on a full- or part-time basis. Course work must be completed within four years of acceptance into the program.

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Medical Assistant AAS Degree

Full - time Sample Schedule

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| 1st Semester | | 15 credit hours |
| Anatomy & Physiology | 1500 or higher | 4 credit hours |
| Biomedical Terminology | HLTHS 1110 | 3 credit hours |
| Computer Information Systems | CIS 1110 or higher | 2 credit hours |
| English | 1101 or 1105 | 3 credit hours |
| Speech | 1100, 1120, or 1150 | 3 credit hours |
| 2nd Semester | | 15 credit hours |
| Intro to Medical Assisting | MASST 1130 | 3 credit hours |
| Psychology | PSYCH 1100 | 3 credit hours |
| Diagnostic Procedures | MASST 2235 | 3 credit hours |
| Math | 1102 or higher | 3 credit hours |
| Elective | | 3 credit hours |
| 3rd Summer Semester | | 6 credit hours |
| Legal and Ethical Aspects | MASST 2211 | 3 credit hours |
| Elective | | 3 credit hours |
| 4th Semester | | 12 credit hours |
| MA Pathophysiology | MASST 2233 | 3 credit hours |
| Practice Finance | MASST 1133 | 3 credit hours |
| Electives | | 6 credit hours |
| 5th Semester | | 14 credit hours |
| Assisting with Medical Specialties | MASST 2237 | 3 credit hours |
| MA Clinical Procedures | MASST 2239 | 3 credit hours |
| Workplace Development (1st 12 wks) | MASST 2245 | 2 credit hours |
| CMA Preparation (2nd 4 wks) | MASST 2253 | 1 credit hour |
| Electives | | 5 credit hours |
| 6th Semester MA Practicum | MASST 2250 | 3 credit hours |

Total Hours 65 –credit hours

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Please visit the [Program Costs webpage](#) for estimated fees.

Cost estimate **does not** include provisions for travel to and from school and clinical education site, textbooks and fees related to general education requirement courses, or for the cost of the required physical exam.

Financial Aid information is available at the [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#), SSC 2220, or (630) 942-2251 or (630) 942-2252