MEDICAL ASSISTING (MA)

MA102: Introduction to Medical Assisting
This course will introduce you to the profession of medical assisting. You will become familiar with the scope of practice, typical work environments, and professional credentialing opportunities and processes for the medical assistant. The course will also provide you with detailed information regarding the medical assisting degree plan, preclinical, and clinical requirements.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Must be taken in first term of program

MA250: Professionalism in Health Care
This course will focus on the aspects of professionalism that a health care professional needs in order to successfully work in a medical office setting, including communication skills, personal appearance, and interpersonal interactions. The course will prepare students for the clinical experience.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: SC131 or permission from the Dean

MA265: Clinical Competencies I
The course introduces you to procedures commonly performed in a health care setting with special attention to aseptic technique, documentation, and safety. Specific competency simulations will include: collecting a health history, vital signs, specialty exams, sterilization, minor surgical procedures, surgical asepsis, growth charts, and electrocardiograms.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: MA250

MA275: Clinical Competencies II
This course introduces you to procedures commonly performed in a health care setting with special attention to aseptic technique, documentation, and safety. Specific competency simulations will include: specimen processing, methods of quality control, capillary and venipuncture, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-waived testing, microbiology and immunology procedures, urinalysis, and administering medications.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: MA250

MA280: Clinical Competencies III
This course will focus on the performance of clinical skills in an approved medical facility or educational medical lab, as appropriate. You will complete a minimum of 50 hours and all required competency skills.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: MA265, MA275, and permission from the Clinical Placement Team

MA285: Comprehensive Medical Assisting
This course highlights the critical components of success for the "about to be" medical assistant. It will review knowledge of key competencies you will need to master to pursue professional credentials and practice; professional, ethical, and legal standards; and current trends and issues you need to know to successfully step into a medical assistant position.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

MA295: Medical Assisting Externship and Evaluation
Successful completion of this course will require 160 unpaid hours of clinical and administrative experience at an approved health care setting. You will be evaluated on the performance of expected competencies, including a professional credentialing exam, at the end of the course.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: HS210, HS220, MA280, and permission from the Clinical Placement Team