

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MEDICAL ASSISTING (ONLINE)

(Currently Not Accepting Enrollments)

Description and Outcomes

As of September 23, 2015, this program will no longer be accepting enrollments.

The objective of the Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting program is to prepare you with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits to pursue an entry-level position in the ambulatory medical field. The Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting program is designed to prepare competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. This program concentrates on helping you acquire knowledge and develop skills in performing laboratory, clinical, and medical office procedures in a physician's office or ambulatory care clinic. The associate's degree program is designed to provide a broad education to help you develop advanced technical and communication skills.

Upon graduation from the program, you may be eligible to take the Registered Medical Assistant examination given by the American Medical Technologists, the National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA) exam given by the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT), and the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam given by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). Refer to the Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams (p. 1) section for important program disclosure information.

Workplace duties may include performing CLIA-waived tests, venipuncture, urinalysis, and electrocardiograms. You may also assist the physician in patient preparation and patient relations.

Clinical Experiences

The program blends online coursework with on-ground experiences. If you enroll in the online program, you will need to complete clinical experiences at an approved clinical site for MA280 Clinical Competencies III. All students must also complete an externship (160 hours) in a physician's office or clinic to complete the course of study. Refer to the General Policies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences>) section for criminal background check information and the Progression Requirements (p. 1) section for additional requirements.

Program Length

The Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting program consists of a minimum of 92 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of this program, you will be awarded an associate of applied science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Clinical: Demonstrate competencies in all aspects of medical assisting clinical practice.

2. Administrative: Exhibit proficiency in the clerical and administrative functions required of a medical assistant.
3. Standards, Laws, and Ethics: Employ the professional, ethical, and legal standards in health care practice.
4. Foundational Knowledge of Allied Health Sciences: Integrate knowledge from behavioral and biological sciences as a basis for allied health practices.
5. Professionalism: Embody professional behaviors as defined by the discipline of allied health.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the undergraduate School of General Education (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships>) section and the Program Availability Grid (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-state-approval-grid.pdf>).

Policies

Progression Requirements

1. Prior to beginning the first clinical experience, you must provide documentation of completion of an approved health care provider CPR training course. Approved courses include: American Heart Association (Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider, Heartsaver CPR and AED, Healthcare Provider), American Red Cross (Adult and Child CPR with AED, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, CPR/ AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider; BLS/CPR for Healthcare Public Safety; and BLS for Healthcare Providers), and ProCPR (ProFirst Aid blended course for health care providers).
2. As an online student, you must:
 - a. Provide notice of intent to enroll in clinical courses and externships 3 months prior to the beginning of the term in which you wish to enroll. Notification must be submitted to the Health Sciences Clinical Placement Department using the appropriate application form.
 - b. Complete a clinical orientation workshop and pass a criminal background check prior to placement at a clinical, practicum, or externship site.
 - c. Enroll in EL206 Academic Prior Learning Portfolio in your second term if you are interested in pursuing credit for experiential learning. You must complete the portfolio development and assessment process by the end of the third term or by the time you have accumulated 30 credits within your program.
3. You will be withdrawn from the program if you are unable to successfully complete the following courses on the second attempt:

Code	Title	Credits
MA265	Clinical Competencies I	5
MA275	Clinical Competencies II	5
MA280	Clinical Competencies III	1

MA295	Medical Assisting Externship and Evaluation	5
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4. If you are a medical assisting student and drop, are dismissed, or take a leave of absence longer than 6 months after beginning and prior to completing clinical coursework (MA250 Professionalism in Health Care, MA265 Clinical Competencies I, MA275 Clinical Competencies II, MA280 Clinical Competencies III, and MA295 Medical Assisting Externship and Evaluation), you will be required to re-take one or more of these courses to ensure currency of skills.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Grid (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-state-approval-grid.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

The Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting program is designed to prepare you with clinical and administrative skills to provide outstanding patient care. The program is structured to provide appropriate academic preparation if you are interested in pursuing national certification as a medical assistant. Upon graduation from the online program, you may be eligible to take the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) examination given by the American Medical Technologists, the National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA) exam given by the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT), and the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam given by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

For Washington Students

The state of Washington requires all medical assistants to be certified or registered. Eligibility for certification requires graduation from a postsecondary school or college accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency approved by the U.S. Department of Education, which includes a minimum of 720 clock hours of training in medical assisting skills, including a clinical externship of no less than 160 hours.

In addition, graduates must successfully pass, within 5 years before submitting an initial application for certification, a certification examination issued by the AAMA, AMT, NHA, or NCCT. Students who have completed all requirements except for passage of the examination

may obtain interim certification, which will allow them to provide the Medical Assistant—Certified's full scope of practice. This interim certification expires when the graduate obtains the Medical Assistant—Certified credential or after 1 year and cannot be renewed.

Washington students also may obtain a Medical Assistant—Registered credential if they obtain an endorsement from a health care practitioner, clinic, or group practice. Medical Assistant—Registered individuals may perform only the medical tasks listed in their current attestation of endorsement and cannot transfer the registration to another health care practitioner, clinic, or group practice.

For more information, please visit <https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MedicalAssistant>.

Nebraska Medication Aide Registry for Medical Assistants

Medical assisting students completing an externship in the state of Nebraska will be required to complete a Medication Aide application with competency validation by an approved Nebraska licensed provider prior to the externship. In addition, you will be required to provide any associated required documentation to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services that may include certified copies of court documents for criminal convictions.

Degree Plan Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	College Composition I	5
CM220	College Composition II	5
Mathematics (select one of the following):		5
MM150	Survey of Mathematics	
MM212	College Algebra	
Total Core Requirements		15
Major Requirements		
HS100	Introduction to Health Science	5
HS101	Medical Law and Bioethics	5
HS111	Medical Terminology	5
HS140	Pharmacology	5
HS200	Diseases of the Human Body	5
HS210	Medical Office Management	5
HS220	Medical Coding and Insurance	5
MA250	Professionalism in Health Care	1
MA265	Clinical Competencies I	5
MA275	Clinical Competencies II	5
MA280	Clinical Competencies III	1
SC121	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	5
SC131	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	5
MA295	Medical Assisting Externship and Evaluation	5
Total Major Requirements		62
Open Elective Requirements		
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TOTAL CREDITS	92