

Course Sequencing		
Year	Quarter	Subject
First Year	Fall	MATH& 106 or higher (Business Math) ENGL& 101 (English Composition I,) PSYC& 100 (General Psychology)
	Winter	CMST& 210, 220 or CMST 260 (Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking or Multicultural Communication) HSCI 147 (Medical Terminology) Elective (5 credits)
	Spring	Electives from Humanities, Social Science, Behavioral Science or Natural Science distribution list (15 credits)
Second Year	Fall	MA 111 (Pharmacology 1) MA 114 (Human Body Structure, Function & Diseases 1) MA 140 (Administrative Medical Assistant Office Procedures 1)
	Winter	MA 115 & 116 (Clinical Procedures Theory 1 & Lab) MA 211 (Pharmacology 2) MA 214 (Human Body Structure, Function & Diseases 2)
	Spring	MA 141 (Career Development for Medical Assistants) MA 215 (Clinical Procedures Theory 2), MA 216 (Clinical Procedures Lab 2) MA 240 (Administrative Assistant Office Procedures 2)
	Summer	MA 241 (Externship Seminar) MA 242 (Externship)

BEFORE YOU START

College transcripts of applicants into the Medical Assistant program will be reviewed for the following courses:

- [HSCI 147](#) Medical Terminology (5 credits)
- [PSYC& 100](#) General Psychology (5 credits)
- [ENGL& 101](#) English Composition I (5 credits)
- [CMST& 101, 210, or 220 or 260](#) Introduction to Communication Studies, Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking or Multicultural Communication (5 credits)
- MATH 40 (formerly Math 083) and RDG 099 or higher reflected via a placement test or a college transcript with higher level classes successfully completed

Additionally, Medical Assistant applications need to include a copy of the following healthcare documentation:

- American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR card

Prospective students MUST attend an information session before applying to the Medical Assistant program. A high school diploma or GED must be earned prior to program acceptance.

Steps in Application Process

- The application and required documentation need to be scanned & emailed to healthsciences@columbiabasin.edu or mailed via USPS by the posted due date. Instructions are on the first page of the application. All prerequisite courses need to be completed by the end of Spring quarter of the year applying. Grades from the prerequisite courses will be utilized in the Admission Index Score. Applicants will receive a letter of acceptance or denial into the program by the end of July. Acceptance is based on an Admission Index Score. The Admission Index Score creates equity among applicants. Accepted students will attend a **mandatory** orientation before Fall quarter (date will be announced). Each student will be required to submit a national background search and drug screen to the college-approved vendor. The background check must be initiated and paid for before registration can occur for Fall quarter. Accepted students must also provide proof of the required immunizations before going to clinical. The cost to the student for the background check, drug screen and the immunization tracker is approximately \$180.00. Those students not admitted may reapply the following year.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

An important member of the health care team, the Medical Assistant helps patients and providers in today's medical clinics. From updating electronic medical records and performing laboratory services to giving injections and assisting with procedures, the medical assistant performs an essential role.

The Medical Assistant program at Columbia Basin College (CBC) prepares students to work within a medical office with valuable skills in office administration as well as clinical and patient care skills. Medical Assistants are commonly employed in outpatient physician offices, clinics, health maintenance organizations and hospitals. The program consists of three quarters of coursework followed by a 198-hour unpaid externship with a local employer. The Medical Assisting program at Columbia Basin College has an exam passage rate of 100% (2019).

OUT OF CLASS TO DO'S

National Background Search & Drug Screen Requirements

As part of the admission requirements for Health Science programs, applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen prior to working with patients in clinical areas. The background check and drug screen are paid by the student and administered through a third party company, CastleBranch. In addition to the background check required by CBC, each clinical facility reserves the right to conduct its own criminal background check prior to allowing a student to enter its health care facilities for clinical participation. Certain criminal convictions, pending charges, or negative actions may automatically disqualify a person from having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults, juveniles and children. Clinical facilities reserve the right to accept or decline a student's placement in its facility.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Medical Assistants work within a medical office with valuable skills in office administration as well as clinical and patient care skills. Medical assistants are commonly employed in:

- Outpatient physician offices
- Primary care clinics
- Health maintenance organizations
- Hospitals
- Urgent care clinics

FAQs

Class Times/Delivery Format

The program consists of in-class instruction, labs where students practice position, and web-enhanced instruction.

Length of Program

The program is six quarters in length.

Which Quarter Can I Begin?

The program starts every fall.

The Medical Assistant program is a part of CBC's Health Sciences guided pathways. The program was developed knowing students commonly want to continue their education into other career areas, including nursing. Students completing CBC's Medical Assistant program will also be able to continue their studies in the field of applied business with the Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management degree program. The Medical Assistant Certificate program is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). To communicate with CAAHEP or verify accreditation status, please contact: 9355 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775. (727) 210-2350.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID OR OTHER FUNDING

Please complete:

The FAFSA application: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides financial aid for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens, such as permanent residents. Visit the [FAFSA website](#) to create your FSA ID and to complete your application.

OR

The WASFA application: The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for DACA or HB 1079 undocumented students. Visit the [Washington Student Achievement Council website](#) to complete your WASFA application.

Did you know??? You can apply for CBC scholarships two times every year! Click [here](#) for more information!

PLEASE NOTE: This document represents a sample plan for degree completion with this program of study. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your Completion Coach. Completion Coaches can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your education such as internships, research, learning communities, and campus involvement and community-based learning.

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 7 am to 4:30 pm; Friday 7 am to noon

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