

# MEDICAL ASSISTANT

## A.A.S. Degree 60 Credits



As a Medical Assistant you will be a professional dedicated to assisting in patient care management. Your duties will be varied and may include greeting patients, updating and filling patient medical records, filling out insurance forms, scheduling appointments, and arranging admission and laboratory services. You might even work with patients with discharge instructions, authorize medication refills, or even perform x-ray procedures. As a Medical Assistant you will be classified as an allied health practitioner working in any of a number of different medical facilities.

South Central College's Medical Assistant program can lead you to a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has accredited the program at South Central College after the Medical Assistant Education Review Board closely reviewed the curriculum, faculty and the facilities.

**NOTE:** All program plans are preliminary and curriculum may change without notice. Your [catalog of record](#) may have different requirements.

Pre-Requisite Courses – 6 Credits		Credits
MA1000	Medical Assisting Orientation	3
HC1000	Medical Terminology	3

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year: First Semester – 14 Credits

Course ID	Course Name	Credits
MA1020	Medical Office Procedures	3
HC1550	Electronic Health Records	2
FCS105	Nutrition & Healthy Living	3
ENGL100	Composition	4
OTEC1001	Computer Software for College	2

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year: Second Semester – 13 Credits

MA2015	Clinical Skills I for Medical Assistants	3
HC1914	Anatomy & Physiology Disease Conditions I	4
COMM140	Interpersonal Communication	3
MA2010	Lab Skills for Medical Assistants	3

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: First Semester – 13 Credits

MA2020	Clinical Skills II for Medical Assistants	3
HC1924	Anatomy & Physiology Disease Conditions II	4
PSYC110 <i>or</i> COMM130	Lifespan Psychology <i>or</i> Intercultural Communication	3
MA2000	Pharmacology for Medical Assistant	3

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Second Semester – 14 Credits

HUM100 <i>or</i> PHIL100	Critical Thinking <i>or</i> Ethics in Society	3
MA2030	Radiology Skills for Medical Assistants	3
MA2040	Medical Assistant Internship	5
PHIL150	Medical Ethics	3

### Additional Program Information

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the CAAHEP accredited AAS Medical Assisting program is to equip students with the required clinical, administrative and general competencies necessary to function as an entry level medical assistant.

**Student Background Studies:** Minnesota law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a health care or child care facility licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health have a background study conducted by the state. An individual who is disqualified from having direct patient contact as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement in a Minnesota licensed health care or child care facility. Failure to participate in a clinical placement required by the academic program could result in ineligibility to qualify for a degree in that program.

**Immunization Requirements:** These immunizations are required prior to courses that include students performing invasive procedures. Proof of immunizations required prior to internship placement:

- Hepatitis B series
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Pertussis (Tdap)
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Mantoux (two step)

**Strongly recommended:** Flu Immunization

Participate and/or **maintain** healthcare provider/professional level CPR certification by an approved organization such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

**Program Location:** North Mankato Campuses

**Admission date:** Fall Semester

*Classes may be delivered face-to-face, online or hybrid.*

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The South Central College Medical Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158 Clearwater, FL 33756, (727) 210-2350, upon the recommendation of the Medical Assistant Education Review Board (MAERB). The SCC Medical Assistant program is affiliated with the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). AAMA has chapters throughout Minnesota, which allow students to enhance their professional development and prepare for their national certification as a Certified Medical Assistant.