

CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTING (CMA)

Course Descriptions

CMA 101. Introduction to Medical Assisting I. 4 Credit Hours.

Introduction to Medical Assisting I introduces students to the foundational knowledge and skills necessary for a career in medical assisting. Topics include legal and ethical considerations, communication skills, patient care fundamentals, medical terminology, anatomy, and physiology. This course combines theoretical learning with clinical and simulation experiences to develop competency in patient interactions and procedures.

Prerequisites: Enrollment in the Medical Assisting Program and Reading Proficiency

CMA 102. Introduction to Medical Assisting II. 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to Medical Assisting II focuses on clinical skills required for medical assistants, including infection control, vital signs assessment, medical history documentation, and assisting with physical examinations and minor procedures. Students practice in a simulated lab environment and are introduced to direct patient care techniques.

Prerequisites: CMA 101 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency
Corequisites: CMA 103

CMA 103. MA Special Topics. 2 Credit Hours.

Special Topics in Medical Assisting provides an in-depth look at patient-centered care, cultural competency, professionalism, and workplace readiness. This course integrates real-world scenarios to enhance students' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills in addition to clinical and internship/externship opportunities.

Prerequisites: CMA 101 with a minimum grade of "C", and Reading Proficiency
Corequisites: CMA 102