



ILLINOIS VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Medical Assisting

WHAT IS MEDICAL ASSISTING AND WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Medical assistants perform a combination of administrative and clinical tasks within a healthcare setting. These professionals commonly work alongside other medical staff under the supervision of a physician. Additionally, medical assistants can be an essential part of a healthcare team, as their responsibilities help keep the facilities they work in organized and operating efficiently.

Some essential job functions you will learn in this program are:

- Obtaining patient vitals
- Obtaining specimen samples and performing testing
- Using an Electronic Health Record
- Assisting with patient exams and procedures
- CPR
- First aid
- And much more!

PROGRAM FEATURES

IVCC's Medical Assisting Program is completed in one year. Classes for this program begin in the Fall of each year and conclude at the end of the Summer semester of the next year. After successful completion of the required courses and externship, individuals will receive a certificate from IVCC. This certificate is NOT the documentation required to be a Certified Medical Assistant. Successful completion of the program of study and receipt of a certificate from IVCC allows students to sit for a national exam through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). By successfully passing this exam, an individual can then gain the title Certified Medical Assistant (CMA).

AFFORDABILITY

Financial Aid/Assistance is available for those who qualify at www.ivcc.edu/financialaid and www.ivcc.edu/path/. Many scholarship opportunities are available through the IVCC Foundation at www.ivcc.edu/foundation.

What Can I Earn as a Medical Assistant?

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the average hourly wage for Certified Medical Assistants in 2021 was \$17.88 per hour or \$37,190 annually. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics also predicts that employment of medical assistants is projected grow 16% from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.



Fall Semester

ALH1001 Terminology of the Health Field
CMA1200 Administrative Medical Assisting
CMA1240 Medical Assisting Skills I

Spring Semester

BIO1200 Human Body Structure & Function
CMA1210 Pathophysiology
CMA1250 Medical Assisting Skills II

Summer Semester

CMA1260 Medical Assistant Externship
CMA1270 Professional Development

*ALH1001 & BIO1200 must be completed prior to or concurrently with the CMA courses in which they are listed in the curriculum.



Scan the QR code to visit the Medical Assisting website!

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