

MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Division of Health Sciences and Nursing

Program Mission

The mission of the Medical Assistant Program is to offer a comprehensive, student-centered education designed to prepare the graduate for entry-level employment in a multitude of healthcare settings, national certification and to obtain knowledge and skills that serves as the foundation to build a successful career.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Medical Assistant Program will be able to:

- Evaluate parameters of vital signs for abnormal results to inform provider patient care.
- Administer medication based on appropriate dosage, side-effects, and the six rights of medication administration within scope of practice as appropriate
- Establish relationships with patients and other healthcare team members through effective communication including documentation in the medical record and education of patients
- Analyze an EKG strip for artifacts, errors, and abnormalities to inform the provider.
- Prepare a specimen sample for the laboratory through appropriate aseptic technique, draw order, and labeling/handling

Student achievement related to Program Learning Outcomes is assessed systematically and results are made available on the Program Review webpage (<https://www.northshorecollege.edu/institutional-effectiveness/program-review/>).

Campuses/Sites Offered

- Florida Parishes Campus (Greensburg)
- Hammond Area Campus (Hammond)

Certificate of Technical Studies in Medical Assistant

The following criteria must be satisfied towards completion of the Certificate of Technical Studies in Medical Assistant:

Code	Title	Hours
MAST 1125	Medical Assisting I	5
MAST 1135	Medical Assisting II	4
MAST 1225	Clinical Medical Assisting I	5
MAST 1235	Clinical Medical Assisting II	4
MAST 2225	Externship for Medical Asst	4
MAST 1170 or HMDT 1170	Medical Terminology for MA Medical Terminology	1
HCOR 1205	Basic Anatomy Struct and Funct	2
CPTR 1000	Introduction to Computers	2

BUSO 1030	Business English	3
Total Hours		30

Additional Exit Points:

Associate of General Studies

The highest exit point in the Medical Assistant program is the Associate of General Studies (AGS). The following criteria must be satisfied towards the completion of the Associate of General Studies (AGS):

Code	Title	Hours
Certificate of General Studies		30
General Education Core		
General Education Electives		
Medical Assistant Elective Courses*		30
Total Hours		60

*It is recommended that students complete the Certificate of Technical Studies in Medical Assistant as the 30 credit hours needed for completion of the Associate of General Studies.

Career and Technical Certificate (CTC) in MA Phlebotomy:

Code	Title	Hours
MAST 1170 or HMDT 1170	Medical Terminology for MA Medical Terminology	1
HCOR 1205	Basic Anatomy Struct and Funct	2
MAST 1225	Clinical Medical Assisting I	5
Total Hours		8

Career and Technical Certificate (CTC) in MA EKG:

Code	Title	Hours
MAST 1170 or HMDT 1170	Medical Terminology for MA Medical Terminology	1
HCOR 1205	Basic Anatomy Struct and Funct	2
MAST 1235	Clinical Medical Assisting II	4
Total Hours		7

Special Comments:

- Anticipated program length for the completion of the highest level exit point is 2 semesters (9 months).
- Program requirements must be completed with a programmatic grade point average of 2.0 or higher and grade of "C" or higher in all applicable coursework.

Career Information

Career Opportunities

To learn more about careers related to the Medical Assistant program, including salary range and job demand, click the link below.

Click here for related Career Opportunity Information (<https://northshorecollege.emsicc.com/search/careers/?region=Lacombe%20Main%20Campus%20Area&radius=&q=Medical%20Assistant>)

Career Services Resources

Need help guiding your career planning efforts? Review the resources below from the NTCC Career Services Office:

- Get career suggestions based on your interests by completing our Career Assessment (via Career Coach) (<https://northshorecollege.emsicc.com/assessment/?region=Lacombe%20Main%20Campus%20Area&radius=>)
- Build your resume using Resume Builder (via Career Coach) (<https://northshorecollege.emsicc.com/login/?radius=50%20miles&redirect=%2Fprofile%2Fresume%3Fregion%3DLacombe%2C%20LA%26radius%3D50%20miles®ion=Lacombe%2C%20LA>)
- Search and apply for jobs on Handshake (https://app.joinhandshake.com/login/?requested_authentication_method=standard)
- Find more information about Career Services on our webpage. (<https://www.northshorecollege.edu/resources/career-services/index/>)