

Career Major:

Clinical Medical Assistant



Pathway:
Therapeutic

Cluster:
Health Science

Career description:

Performs routine administrative and clinical tasks to keep the offices and clinics of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors, and optometrists running smoothly. Clinical duties vary and may include taking medical histories and recording vital signs, explaining treatment procedures to patients, preparing patients for examination, and assisting the doctor during the examination. Medical Assistants may collect and prepare laboratory specimens or perform basic laboratory tests on the premises, sterilize medical instruments, prepare and administer medications as directed, and telephone prescriptions to a pharmacy. For more information about this career, please check the Medical Assistant career description in the Occupational Outlook Handbook at: www.bls.gov.

Courses:

- Health Careers Core Curriculum
- Core Healthcare Provider CPR & First Aid
- Core Medical Terminology
- Pharmacology
- Clerical Skills & Duties
- Safety, Legal Issues & Quality Control
- Phlebotomy Specimen Collection & Processing
- Phlebotomy Practicum
- Introduction to Medical Office Clinical Procedures Part I
- Introduction to Medical Office Clinical Procedures Part II
- Medical Assisting Clinical Experience

Additional Career Majors In This Pathway:

- Dental Assistant
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Nursing Assistant
- Advanced Nursing Assistant (Pre-Nursing)
- Veterinary Assistant

AVERAGE SALARY

\$23,420/year

Program Length:

960 hours

Who Can Attend:

High school students and adults

Schedules Available:

Morning class: 8:10-11:00 am
Afternoon class: 12:40-3:30 pm

FULL-TIME STUDENTS:

Attend both sessions.

Entrance Requirements:

If you are a high school student, please contact your high school counselor about enrollment. Prospective adult students should contact a Meridian career counselor for enrollment information.

Tuition:

Tuition is free for students enrolled in one of our district high schools. Students can attend during their junior and senior years or during their senior year and the year following graduation. Scholarships are available to qualified applicants who graduate from one of our district high schools if they enroll within two years of graduation. Adult tuition is based on the number of hours in the chosen career major. A Meridian career counselor will be able to provide more information.

College Credit:

College credit is available for this career. Please contact a Meridian career counselor for more information.

Licensure/Certification:

Certification is available from Meridian Technology Center.