

necessary administrative skills needed to be an effective medical assistant. This Certificate focuses on the physician’s front office including receptionist, office management, billing, and coding.

Each course for this certificate must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, or with a grade of “P” if the course is taken on a pass/no pass basis.

This program prepares students for careers in Medical Assisting. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, Medical Assisting is one of the nation’s fastest growing careers with an expected growth of 34% between 2012 and 2018. Approximately 62 percent of medical assistants work in physician offices; 13 percent work in public and private hospitals including inpatient and outpatient facilities; 11 percent work in other health practitioner settings, such as chiropractor’s and optometrist’s offices.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be able to

- Research online and traditional reference materials effectively to stay informed about emerging trends and breakthroughs in healthcare issues related to the medical assistant’s administrative role.
- Perform Administrative Medical Assisting procedures competently, such as OSHA standards, electronic technologies, and medical records.
- Achieve entry level Administrative Medical Assisting competencies, such as verbal communication, basic banking procedures, and medical insurance which satisfy industry needs.
- Identify State of California regulations that govern the healthcare industry for Medical Assistants.

Courses

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Complete all of the following courses:

Medical Assisting Core Courses

CSCI C070	Computer Literacy	1 Units
HCRS C130	Communication in Healthcare	2
HCRS C131	Medical Law and Ethics for Medical Assistants.....	1.5
HCRS C132	Electronic Health Record	1.5
HCRS C150	Medical Terminology for Health	3

Administrative Medical Assisting

BSOT C121	Beginning Word	1
BSOT C123	Beginning Excel	1
HCRS C133	Medical Office Procedures.....	3
HCRS C134	Medical Insurance and Billing.....	3
HCRS C135	Basic ICD and CPT Coding	2
HCRS C142	Medical Assistant Administrative Externship.....	1.5

**Medical Assisting:
Clinical Medical Assisting
Certificate of Achievement**

The Clinical Medical Assisting Certificate of Achievement (20.5 units) is an integral multi-skilled member of the health care team, working under the supervision of the health care provider. The Clinical Medical Assisting has an interdependent role acting as an agent for the health care provider and a consumer advocate by providing professional and technical support in an empathetic and caring manner. This Certificate focuses on the physician’s back office including patient assessment, physician’s laboratory, and medication administration. It is designed around the Model Curriculum established by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office for preparation for the State Exam for Medical Assistants (CCBMA). This program provides the students with the opportunity to develop the necessary clinical skills needed to be an effective medical assistant.

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Program Learning Outcomes

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- Research online and traditional reference materials effectively to stay informed about emerging trends and breakthroughs in healthcare issues related to the medical assistant’s clinical role.
- Perform Clinical Medical Assisting procedures

competently, such as OSHA standards, electronic technologies, and medical records.

- Achieve entry level Clinical Medical Assisting competencies, such as verbal communication, medical and surgical aseptic technique, and physical assessments which satisfy industry needs.
- Identify State of California regulations that govern the healthcare industry for Medical Assistants.

Courses

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Clinical Medical Assisting

HCRS C136	Clinical Medical Assisting I	3
HCRS C137	Clinical Medical Assisting II	3
HCRS C138	Medication Administration for Medical Assisting.....	2
HCRS C139	Laboratory Procedures	2
HCRS C143	Clinical Medical Assistant Externship..	1.5

**Paralegal Studies
Associate in Science Degree**

The Paralegal Studies Associate in Science Degree (60 units total, 32 units in the major): This program is designed to prepare students for work in the legal environment as either professional paralegals or legal assistants. Students receive training in all aspects of the legal system including the court system, legal research, client interviews, legal briefs, and court procedures. Employment preparation for career opportunities with private attorneys, local court jurisdictions, corporate law offices, and self-employment as an independent paralegal or document preparer.

This degree is not specifically designed for transfer. Courses required for the associate degree major at Cerro Coso Community College may not be the same as those required for the major at a four-year school. If you plan to transfer, consult a counselor and <http://www.assist.org/> to identify the courses

needed for the major at your transfer school and to develop a plan that will best meet your goals.

You must complete a minimum of 60 units, including the courses listed in the major and general education requirements, with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better, and a grade of "A," "B," or "C," in all courses for the major. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Cerro Coso Community College.

This program prepares students for careers in Paralegal Studies. Employment preparation for career opportunities with private attorneys, local court jurisdictions, corporate law offices, and self-employment as an independent paralegal or document preparer.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be able to

- Analyze data and information to assist attorneys with client’s case throughout the legal process.
- Locate and analyze relevant primary and secondary legal sources in electronic and print media.
- Apply investigative functions and techniques to gather information from witnesses and other sources.
- Process legal documents and maintain legal schedules.
- Draft and organize legal documents and records including pretrial preparation.

Courses

Note: Some courses within the major may have a required prerequisite. If you feel you have equivalent knowledge and skills to those included in the prerequisite course through professional experience, licensure or certification, you have the opportunity to submit a Prerequisite Challenge to be reviewed by the faculty chair. For the Prerequisite Challenge to be considered, you must submit documentation/verification to substantiate the basis for the challenge. Please consult a counselor for more information regarding Prerequisite Challenge.

Complete all of the following courses:

BSAD C131	Business Law.....	3 Units
PARA C101	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
PARA C112	Legal Research & Writing I	3
PARA C122	Legal Research & Writing II.....	3
PARA C130	Civil Litigation & Procedure I.....	3
PARA C140	Civil Litigation & Procedure II.....	3
PARA C190	Legal Ethics	3
PARA C210	California and Federal Civil Procedure Legal Forms.....	3

Select a minimum of 8 units from the following courses:

PARA C150	Law Office Management.....	3 Units
PARA C220	Bankruptcy Law	3