MEDICAL ASSISTING, AS

Program code: MDAS-AS

Location: Asnuntuck, Capital, Housatonic, Northwestern, Norwalk, Quinebaug Valley, Three Rivers

Program Description

The Medical Assisting Program provides students with a general education core complemented by focused medical assisting career courses in preparation for employment in the health care field. As multi-skilled practitioners, there are career positions available in medical offices, hospitals, hospice care, laboratories, ambulatory care centers, health insurance companies, and more. The program provides the student the opportunity to have a broader perspective and prepare for further educational opportunities in acquired clinical and administrative knowledge, skills, laboratory, and administrative careers during practicum/externship.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of all program requirements, graduates will be able to:

1. Apply for a national medical assisting certification examination
2. Perform all medical assisting skills at entry level competency
3. Become a professional collaborative member of the health care team delivering safe quality care
4. Obtain strong oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills
5. Use Critical thinking skills for handling issues related to effective patient care
6. Develop social skills, respect, and empathy appropriate for dealing with patients from a variety of backgrounds and cultures
7. Develop business skills for gathering and updating data accurately across a range of data management systems

This is not a selective admissions program; however, students must meet course prerequisite requirements to progress in the program. Students must obtain a grade of 'C' or higher in all MDAS courses.

This program may help prepare students for stackable credentials. With additional experience and/or coursework, students may qualify to take a variety of certification exams.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Courses		
ENG 1010	Composition	3
MATH 1000 or higher		3-4
Elective ARHX - Arts & Humanities Course		3-4
BIO 1100	Principles of the Human Body	3
Choose one of the following:		3
PSY 1011	General Psychology I	
SOC 1001	Principles of Sociology	
ANTH 1005	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
COMM 1301	Public Speaking	3
or ENG 1020	Composition II and Literature	
CCS 1001	College and Career Success	3
**NOTE: students must choose one 4-credit General Education or an additional 1-credit course to meet the degree minimum of 60 credits.		
Program Courses		
MDAS 1025	Medical Terminology for Clinical and Administrative Professions	3
MDAS 1011	Administrative Medical Assisting	3
MDAS 1012	Medical Insurance and Billing	3
MDAS 1033	Clinical Medical Assisting	4
MDAS 2016	Electronic Medical Records	3
MDAS 2042	Clinical Procedures and Practices	4
MDAS 2045	Clinical Laboratory Procedures	4
MDAS 2050	Principles of Pharmacology	3
MDAS 2050L	Principles of Pharmacology Lab	1
MDAS 2095	Medical Assisting Practicum/ Externship	4
Directed Electives in BIO, BOT, CHEM, COMM, CSA, CSC, HIMT, HLTH, HPE, MATH, MDAS, MLT, or PSYC		6

Total Credits: 60-62

- Medical Assisting Certificate