

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full Year, Every day

Utah CTE Pathway: Health Science



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This is a college-level program that requires intrinsic motivation, professionalism, and self-determination. This program provides students with opportunities for growth as they become proficient in medical terminology, medical office administration, and a wide range of clinical skills. Students learn techniques for effective management of patient care and providing a safe environment that promotes healing and wellness. Students who successfully complete this course and the required testing will earn a Medical Assisting Endorsement from the State of Utah and the option to test for the National Medical Assistant Certification.

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High School Credit: CTE credit or elective credit: up to 4 credits
Concurrent Enrollment: 3 college credits. Student is responsible to register and pay for concurrent enrollment classes at SLCC. For information on these classes, see Appendix.
Industry Certifications: NCCT National Medical Assistant Certification.
Skills Certification: Utah State Medical Assistant Endorsement, Utah State Skill Certificate Test(s)
Additional Opportunities: HOSA membership
Requirements: In order for students to complete externships, they MUST be a senior while attending the class. Students MUST have completed all required immunizations, background check and pass a urine drug screening.
Recommended: This course is a full year course where students attend every day. GPA of 3.0 is recommended for this course. Science classes such as anatomy, physiology, biology, chemistry, and physics.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Medical Assistant: Become proficient in medical front office skills such as scheduling appointments and setting up patient records. Learn clinical skills such as Phlebotomy, Medication administration, measuring vital signs, medical record documentation, and administering EKG.

MA1100 / Medical Terminology: Course format is lecture supplemented with videos and discussion covering more than 350 medical word roots, suffixes, and prefixes. Emphasis is placed on pronunciation, spelling, and proper usage of medical terms. Medical abbreviations are also introduced.

Medical Anatomy and Physiology: Learn the structure and function of the systems of the body and how diseases and disorders affect these systems.

Health Science Capstone: This course is designed to help prepare students for a career in healthcare. The course will help students gain professional skills needed, understand the healthcare system, and attain knowledge required to excel in the healthcare field.

Costs/Fees for the 2026-2027 school year: Pending school board approval.

Career Possibilities:

Medical Assistant in a physician's office, clinic or outpatient surgical setting
Nurse
Physician Assistant
Nurse Practitioner
Physician



"I have loved the Medical Assisting program! It has been so much fun. I have learned a lot in this program. The program has opened so many opportunities in the medical field that I want to go into. WE got hands-on experience with injections, vitals, blood draws, and bedside manner. The program allows students to continue regular schooling without creating added stress. I highly recommend this program to students looking to go into the medical field. It is such an amazing opportunity for students." Olivia Applegarth, 2021

"I loved my Medical Assisting experience. I have always wanted to work in the medical field and this program helped me start my journey into the field. It has helped me progress towards my career goals. I was able to take college classes to get my knowledge started. I really enjoyed the hands-on activities and being able to practice with my classmates. I would recommend this program to anyone who wants to take it because I have learned so much." Skyley Brey, 2021

"I am so grateful that I took the Medical Assisting program this year! I signed up for this program because I wanted to learn more about medicine, gain clinical skills, and experience a clinical setting. This program gave me all of that and more, all before I graduated from high school! Throughout this year, I have loved learning about medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, various clinical skills and other administrative skills. The things that you learn while in the program are real, applicable things that will help you if you choose to continue down a path in medicine." Ella Fetzer, 2021

