Associate of Applied Science

Medical assistants are instrumental in helping patients feel at ease in the physician’s office and play a proactive role in presenting patients’ concerns and questions to physicians. The Medical Assisting Technology (MAT) Program at Ohio University Lancaster prepares competent entry-level medical assistants to perform those administrative and clinical tasks found in ambulatory health care. Graduates of the program are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary in both the scientific/clinical areas and the business/administrative areas of the medical assisting field. Medical assistants are allied health professionals who work in a variety of health care settings. Employment opportunities are best for medical assistants with recognized training and professional certification in this rapidly growing field. Ohio University Lancaster’s MAT students are well-prepared to seek those job opportunities upon graduation.

Program Description

The Medical Assisting Technology Program offers courses that will provide instruction in the front and back office procedures that health care professionals require of medical assistants. Upon graduation, graduates may sit for the CMA (AAMA) exam.

MAT students will become competent in cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) domains that will make them a valued part of a health care team. Job shadowing experiences and a 210 hour supervised practicum are included in the program.

Some of these duties include:
- Using computer applications
- Coding and insurance claims submission
- Electronic health records management
- Following HIPAA standards
- Medication administration
- Drawing blood
- Performing Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waived tests
- Height/Weight/BMI
- Pediatric length and head circumference
- Assisting with minor office surgery
- Removal of sutures
- Electrocardiograms
- Prepare patients for X-rays and imaging
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Degree Requirements

Core Requirements
ENG 1510  Writing and Rhetoric I
Tier I  Quantitative Skills Course
BIOS 1030  Human Biology I
BIOS 1300  Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOS 1310  Human Anatomy and Physiology II
COMS 1030  Public Speaking
CTCH 1250  Introduction to Computers
HLTH 2170  Health System Organization
OTEC 1210  Keyboarding I
PSY 1010  General Psychology

Major Requirements
MAT 1010  Introduction to Medical Assisting
MAT 1400  Medical Terminology
MAT 1700  Administrative Techniques I
MAT 2000  Pharmacology and Disease Processes
MAT 2010  Clinical Techniques I
MAT 2020  Clinical Techniques II
MAT 2100  Law and Ethics
MAT 2300  Administrative Techniques II
MAT 2920  Practicum

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To keep abreast of developments in their fields, professors actively conduct research, write and present papers at national and international conferences, and publish journal articles and books. Faculty members also advise students in selecting courses that meet degree requirements and assist students when they have difficulties understanding course materials.

People of all ages and all backgrounds take courses for credit and non-credit at Ohio University Lancaster and the Pickerington Center each year. Students, instructors, and professors believe this mix makes a vital contribution to the learning experience.

Many students work part- or full-time and find that scheduling classes around employment is indeed possible. Most students who are employed full time take less than a full course load. Students may choose day or evening classes.

Services available to Ohio University Lancaster students include career planning, job placement, basic skills education, a tutoring (Learning Resources) center, a bookstore, food services, babysitting for pre-school age children, financial aid counseling, and assistance with veteran's benefits. Students attending the Lancaster Campus may take advantage of any services offered to Athens students.

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