Catalog Description:
Medical assistants are allied health professionals specifically trained to work in ambulatory settings, such as physicians' offices. These multi-skilled personnel perform administrative and clinical procedures. Duties may include but are not limited to: billing and coding, maintaining medical records, appointment scheduling, recording vital signs, preparing patients for examination, collecting blood specimens, performing basic laboratory tests, performing EKGs, preparing and administering medications and assisting physicians with treatment and/or minor procedures. Upon successful completion of this degree, students are eligible to take the Certified Medical Assistant - American Association of Medical Assistants (CMA/AAMA) exam. The College of DuPage Medical Assistant Certificate Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assistant Education Review Board (MAERB) Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, 727-210-2350, www.caahep.org. The **Medical Assistant degree** requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements, electives and general education in the courses listed below.

### Program Requirements ..............................56 to 63

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### Suggested Course Sequence  
(9 credits)

**First Semester (11 credits)**
- Anat 1500 (4)
- Hlths 1110 (4)

**Second Semester (14 credits)**
- Engli 1101 or 1105 (3)
- Math 1102 (3)
- Psych 1100 (3)
- Cis 1110 (2)

**Third Semester (14 credits)**
- Masst 1130 (3)
- Masst 2233 (3)
- Hlths 1120 (3)
- Masst 2239 (3)
- Program Elective (2)

**Fourth Semester (12 credits)**
- Philo 1112 or 1114 (3)
- Masst 2237 (3)
- Masst 2211 (3)
- Masst 1133 (3)

**Fifth Semester (4 credits)**
- Masst 2250 (3)
- Masst 2253 (1)
Hlths 1122  Basic Phlebotomy Techniques ...........................4
OR
Hlths 1123  Phlebotomy for Health Professionals ..............2
Hlths 1126  Basic Non-Invasive Electrocardiography (EKG) ..................................................2
Math 1102  Mathematics for Health Sciences ....................3
Psych 1100  General Psychology ........................................3
Speec 1100  Fundamentals of Speech Communication .........3
OR
Speec 1120  Small-Group Communication ........................3
OR
Speec 1150  Introduction to Business Communication ......3

* - course has a prerequisite

Program Electives .................................................................................9
Select any additional credits from any 1000- or 2000-level course to meet degree requirement of 64 credits. (In addition to the courses listed below.)

General Education
Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General Education. (In addition to the courses listed below.)

For the Medical Assistant degree, all General Education credits are already listed under program requirements. Therefore, students do not need any credits besides those listed under program requirements.

Communication: 6 credits
Written: (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105
(English 1101 or 1105 in program requirements fulfills this requirement)
Oral: (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150
(Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150 in program requirements fulfills this requirement)

Physical and Life Sciences: 3 to 5 credits
At least one course with a laboratory component
(Anatomy & Physiology 1500 or 1551/1552 or 1571/1571 in program requirements fulfills this requirement)

Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits
Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).
Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or Mathematics 1431.
(Mathematics 1102 in program requirements fulfills this requirement)

Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits
(Philosophy 1112 or 1114 in program requirements fulfills this requirement)

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 credits
(Psychology 1100 in program requirements fulfills this requirement)

Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category.
(Health Sciences 1110 within program requirements fulfills this requirement)

TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE
64 to 71

For more information:
If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact the Health & Biological Sciences Division office 630-942-8331.

Program web site:
http://www.cod.edu/programs/health_sciences/medical_assistant/
Career Information  MASST.AAS

Job Title(s): Medical Assistant
Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Chiropractor Assistant, Clinical Assistant, Doctor's Assistant, Medical Assistant (MA), Medical Office Assistant, Ophthalmic Technician, Optometric Assistant, Optometric Technician, Registered Medical Assistant (RMA)

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, interviewing and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center

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Related Occupations:
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Pharmacy Technicians  Psychiatric Technicians
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses  Occupational Therapy Assistants
Physical Therapist Assistants