



Medical Assistant Program

Medical assistants work under the supervision of physicians in their offices and other medical settings as a member of the health care delivery team to perform administrative and clinical procedures. Medical assistants are trained for a variety of clinical responsibilities, including obtaining vital signs, performing basic tests on patients and administering medications. Medical assistants also perform many office tasks, such as scheduling and greeting patients, maintaining filing systems, completing basic financial reports, and handling insurance procedures.

At McLennan, you can become trained as a medical assistant in only two years. You'll earn an associate degree and be prepared to take the national certification exam to become a Certified Medical Assistant, an exam our students currently have a 100% performance on.

What You'll Learn

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Medical Terminology
- Pharmaceutical Mathematics
- Administrative Procedures
- Medical Law and Ethics
- Pharmacology/Administering Medication



What You'll Get

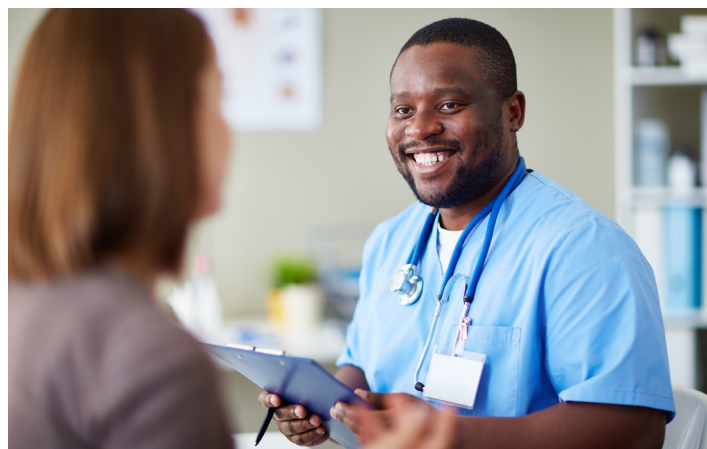
- Classroom, laboratory and clinic experience
- Hands-on training in a state-of-the-art lab to simulate realistic experiences
- Multiple clinical rotations
- An accredited program by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP)

Career Outlook

In the most recent program effectiveness and gainful employment poll, our students have a 100% program completion rate with a 93.3% job placement rate. Employment of medical assistants is expected to grow by 23.5% through 2024, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. With a growing middle-aged and elderly population, more opportunities will be available for medical assistants, home health aides, nursing assistants and other health-related occupations. The median salary for medical assistants in 2014 was \$29,960, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Admission Requirements

Students are admitted to the program at the beginning of each spring semester. All developmental classes and first fall semester classes must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.0 prior to enrolling in any MDCA courses. For allowable course substitutions, contact the program director.



Gain administrative and clinical skills to become an integral part of the health care delivery team in physicians' offices and other medical environments.

Requirements include:

- Must pass a comprehensive drug screen and background check prior to first clinical assignment
- Proof of vaccination or a titer showing immunity to the following:
 - Varicella (chicken pox)
 - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
 - Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis
 - Hepatitis B
- An annual TB test is required
- CPR certification (for Healthcare Professionals) must be maintained by the student during the duration of their training.

Clinical Experiences

Students must complete a specified number of hours of supervised clinical practice in different health care facilities during two summer semesters. Students must be able to travel to the assigned clinical sites and transportation expenses are the student's responsibility. Currently, clinical sites are within the Waco city limits, but this can change at any time and without prior notice.

Professional liability insurance is required of all students enrolled in a clinical course. The insurance is purchased through the college and the fee is included with other registration fees.

Financial Aid

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov by June 1 for the following academic year. For more information about financial aid, go to www.mclennan.edu/financial-aid or call McLennan's Highlander Central at 254-299-8622.

Gainful Employment Information

Gainful Employment information for this program is on McLennan's website. This information is designed to help you determine the career outlook and costs of this program so you can make an informed decision about your career choice. You can learn more at www.mclennan.edu/gainful-employment.

Learn More

To find out more about the Medical Assistant program at McLennan, visit www.mclennan.edu/health-professions/certified-medical-assistant/ or contact the program director listed below.

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