

Medical Assistant

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Willmar and Hutchinson Campuses

About the Program

Medical assistants play an integral role on a healthcare team. Demand is so great that Ridgewater is expanding its program to the Hutchinson campus also! Learn a variety of laboratory, clinical, and administrative skills in the first semester, emphasizing lab and clinical procedures and office equipment. At the end of the third semester, you will practice your new skills in physicians' offices.

You will become proficient with:
Clinical skills:

- Vital signs and assisting with procedures
- Injections
- Patient positioning

Laboratory skills:

- Phlebotomy
- Specimen collection
- Recording of ECGs

Administrative skills:

- Scheduling appointments
- Insurance claims
- Medical coding and records

If you seek the AAS degree option,

Program Distinctions

- 6 weeks of practicum and hands-on experience in physicians' offices and clinics
- Graduates are prepared to take the national certification exam to become a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA, AAMA)
- Part-time, five-semester option available
- State-of-the-art equipment and facilities; now available in Hutchinson also

know that the Medical Assistant full-time curriculum is intense. You should plan to take your general education credits either before or after your Medical Assistant credits.

Career Info

U.S. job growth projections are very strong at 22.6% for medical assistants, among the fastest growing jobs from 2018 to 2028. Central MN is 27.8%.

Source: careerwise.minnstate.edu

Medical assistants are professional, multi-skilled people who assist with patient care management and perform administrative and clinical duties.

As the doctor's assistant, you help with examinations, treatments, or medical histories, and perform diagnostic tests, sterilize instruments, and give injections. The laboratory exams include blood work, urinalysis, electrocardiograms, microbiology, and other types of routine lab work done in the doctor's office.

Degrees and Certificates

Medical Assistant

Diploma - 49 credits

AAS Degree - 60 credits

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