

Admission Checklist for Medical Assisting Diploma D45400

The Medical Assisting curriculum prepares multi-skilled health care professionals qualified to perform administrative, clinical, and laboratory procedures. Course work includes instruction in scheduling appointments, coding and processing insurance accounts, billing, collections, computer operations, assisting with examinations/treatments, performing routine laboratory procedures, electrocardiography, supervised medication administration; and ethical/legal issues associated with patient care. Employment opportunities include physicians' offices, health maintenance organizations, health departments, and hospitals. The Medical Assisting Program at Stanly Community College Diploma Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education
Programs 9355- 113th St. N, # 7709
Seminole, FL 33775; (727) 210-2350. (www.caahep.org).

Accredited programs are eligible to take the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) certification exam.

American Association of Medical Assisting Endowment, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Ste. 1575 Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 899-1500. (www.aama-ntl.org)

The Medical Assisting Program, at Stanly Community College is award a 1 + 1 program, which means that all AAS graduates also receive the Diploma and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB)

The SCC Medical Assisting Diploma Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org). Graduates of accredited programs are eligible to take the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) certification exam.

Graduates of CAAHEP accredited medical assisting programs may be eligible to sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants' (AAMA) Certification Examination to become Certified Medical Assistants.

Stanly Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Stanly Community College.

Course work includes instruction in scheduling appointments, coding and processing insurance accounts, billing, collections, computer operations, assisting with examinations/treatments, performing routine laboratory procedures, electrocardiography, supervised medication administration, and ethical/legal issues associated with patient care.

Employment opportunities include ambulatory settings, such as physicians' offices, clinics, and group practice. Individuals desiring a career in medical assisting should, if possible, take biology, mathematics, and keyboarding courses prior to entering the program.

Students are admitted to the Medical Assisting programs during the fall semester.

Students pursuing the Medical Assisting Associate in Applied Science degree will first graduate from the Diploma program in Medical Assisting. This program does not grant credit or advanced placement for experiential learning.

Students should anticipate taking classes in a sequence that builds skills needed for the Certificate in Medical Assisting, Certificate in Medical Billing and Coding, Diploma in Medical Assisting and Degree in Associate in Applied Science in Medical Assisting. Reference the "Curriculum Map" when (1) meeting with an academic advisor and (2) registering for classes. The progression related to continuous semesters represents a full-time course load for Diploma and Degree Programs. Both the Certificate in Medical Assisting and Certificate in Medical Billing and Coding represents either a full-time or part-time course load. The College Catalog, posted at <http://www.stanly.edu>, explains admissions, registration, tuition, and student support services. It also provides course descriptions. The College Class Schedule, also posted at <http://www.stanly.edu>, provides class times and locations. Use the course number from the "Curriculum Map" to search for class availability.

Upon Completion of this Concentration, graduates will be able to:

- Perform the skills of a medical assistant under the guidance of a supervising physician.
- Demonstrate knowledge of medical assistant responsibilities in office management and patient care.
- Interpret verbal and written communication relevant to safe and effective medical office and patient care practices.
- Comply with ethical, legal, and professional guidelines as a member of a health service profession.
- Use computer programs to perform office clerical skills.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities in the performance of entry-level medical assisting.
- Perform entry level Competencies for Medical Assistants as developed and published by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP) in cooperation with the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).
- Successful as employees with physician offices, health maintenance organizations, health departments and other healthcare organizations.
- Assume responsibility for continued career development in a changing health care system

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The Medical Assisting application is open from August 2nd – August 1st of each year.

Step 1: Application _____ (date completed)

- Submit a completed application electronically for Medical Assisting (D45400) 2023 Fall term by visiting the SCC homepage, www.stanly.edu, and clicking the link "New Students Start here – Apply to SCC". Application submissions are free of charge.
- Students who apply for the Medical Assisting Diploma program will be added into the Associate in General Education - Medical Assisting track in order to take classes while completing program requirements.
- For questions on completing an application, contact Leah Reddick at 704-991-0223 or by emailing lreddick5454@scc.stanly.edu.

Step 2: Transcripts _____ (date completed)

- Submit to the Admissions Office an official high school transcript and official post-secondary transcripts for all institutions attended. Applicants that obtained a GED/Adult High School diploma must submit an official GED/AHS transcript and a high school transcript even if you did not complete high school.
- For questions related to transfer credits call the records department at 704-991-0212.

Step 3: Prove college readiness. Be eligible to enroll in ENG-111 & MAT-143 without a corequisite -OR- successful completion of the gateway ENG and/or Math requirements of the program.

- Be eligible to enroll in ENG 111 and MAT 143 WITHOUT a co-requisite. The following links explain RISE (reinforce instruction for student excellence) <https://www.stanly.edu/current-students/academic-planning/resources-rise> and provide a complete list of eligible placement tests https://www.stanly.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/2018/placement_testing_guide.pdf.
- If you have questions regarding your eligibility to enroll in ENG 111 and MAT 110, please contact your success coach:

AGE-Medical Assisting Success Coach:

Leah Reddick

Email: lreddick5454@scc.stanly.edu

Phone: 704-991-0223

Step 4: Maintain GPA (ongoing)

- For the applicant that has completed any college level courses taken with SCC prior to admission into the MA program, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.

After Acceptance into the MA Program:

Step 5: Submit a **SCC medical form *after acceptance into the program***. The medical form must be completed by a physician, physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner by the date given in the conditionally accepted letter.

Step 6: *After acceptance to the program*, submit proof of current **American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider CPR & AED training**. Current CPR certification is required throughout the student's attendance in the MA program.

ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

The Medical Assisting program accepts a maximum of 30 students for entry each fall semester. Applicants are conditionally accepted based upon their completion of steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the admission requirements. The applicants will be ranked in order by the date applied and by their completion of the requirements. The first 30 applicants who complete steps 1 through 4 before August 1st of the year they wish to enter the program will have an acceptance into the Medical Assisting program pending completion of steps 5 and 6. Applicants who apply to the Medical Assisting program after the 30 seats are filled will be placed on an alternate list after completing admission requirements 1, 2, 3 and 4. If any of the applicants who have been accepted to the program should forfeit their acceptance, those applicants on the alternate list will be contacted in the order in which their names appear on the list and will be given an opportunity to enroll. If an applicant whose name appears on the alternate list is not afforded an opportunity to begin classes during the year in which he or she has made application, that applicant will need to submit another application for admission to the year following if he or she wishes to be considered for admission in the subsequent year. (Admission requirements may change from year to year for selected programs.)

Any applicant who forfeits his or her acceptance will not be guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent year. The applicant must reapply if he or she wishes to be considered for acceptance at a later date.

BACKGROUND CHECKS/DRUG SCREENING

Applicants accepted for admission to health services programs at Stanly Community College are required to complete a criminal background check, drug screening, and possibly a fingerprint check after notification of acceptance and prior to participation in on-site clinical training. Based on the results of the checks, hospitals, or clinical affiliates, where the student will participate in on-site training, may deny access to their facility, resulting in the student's inability to complete the clinical portion of training. **Students unable to complete the clinical portion of his or her training will be unable to progress in the program.** Students are responsible for paying all costs associated with this requirement.

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION

To be eligible for graduation a student must:

1. Complete all course requirements in the Medical Assisting curriculum, earning a grade of C or higher or SA in all Medical Assisting- related courses and an overall 2.00 grade point average.
2. Complete an Application for Graduation prior to set deadline for May graduation.
3. Pay a graduation fee at the time of registration for the last semester.
4. Earn at least one-fourth of the credits required for a degree, diploma, or certificate from SCC.

5. Fulfill all financial obligations to the College.

6. Be present for graduation exercise. Graduation exercises are held on the dates published in the Academic Calendar. In cases of unavoidable circumstances, exceptions may be granted by the Executive Vice President of Educational Services. During graduation exercise, candidates must be dressed in proper academic attire as determined by the President of the College.

WITHDRAWING FROM MED CLASSES:

Instructors will enforce the SCC withdrawal policy if a student (1) requests withdrawal, (2) has two consecutive weeks of absences, regardless of contact, or (3) is not meeting the requirements of the course. The student may withdraw or drop the course by the date as published in the Academic Calendar for each semester. Students will be assigned a W (Withdrawn) by the Records and Registration Office.

RE-ENTRY STATUS: For students who have been previously admitted to the Medical Assisting Program but did not complete the program.

(This procedure applies also to applicants transferring from other Medical Assisting programs to SCC's program.)

1. Students desiring re-entry status for the Medical Assisting program must submit an Application for Admission to the Admissions Office and satisfy all current admission requirements for the program. The application for admission must be received in Stanly Community Colleges Admissions Office at least ninety days prior to the semester in which the student is seeking readmission.

2. Only those students whose cumulative GPA is 2.0 or higher at the time of re-entry to the Medical Assisting program will be considered for re-entry. When applying for re-entry status, students who previously completed at least one full term in the Medical Assisting program must apply to the same term in which they withdrew. In order to be accepted for re-entry, the applicant must successfully complete a competency exam administered by the Medical Assisting Program Director. This competency exam will test the applicant's knowledge of material covered in all MED classes that were successfully completed up to the point of withdrawal. Applicants will be given one opportunity to complete the competency exam successfully. All testing and competencies should be completed prior to curriculum registration of applicable semester in which he or she desires for re-entry status.

3. In addition to successful completion of the competency exam there must be space available in the program before the applicant will be granted re-entry. (Courses MED 140, MED 150, MED 240, MED 260, may be competency tested only if the applicant reenters the Medical Assisting program within one year after withdrawing from it; otherwise, they must be retaken.) If more than one applicant is seeking readmission for the same term, acceptance will be awarded in the order in which the applications for admission were received in the SCC Admissions Office.

4. If after successfully completing the competency exam an applicant is denied re-entry due to lack of space in the program, that applicant will have an opportunity to apply for re-try to the same term of the following year. The applicant will again be required to complete a competency exam successfully before being readmitted to the program. If an applicant for readmission does not successfully complete one or more competency exams, he or she may start at the beginning of the Medical Assisting program.