

MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT (AAS)

Degree: Associate of Applied Science
Major: Medical Office Assistant
Program Code: 1396

About This Major . . .

This program prepares individuals to perform clinical and administrative functions in health care facilities, primarily medical clinics or physician's offices. Students successfully completing this program will be able to perform administrative tasks and work in the clinical areas by providing assistance with physical examinations, diagnostic tests, treatments, and procedures.

All students successfully completing the program are eligible to take the national certification examination offered by the American Medical Technologists, a national certifying agency, to become a Registered Medical Assistant.

For more information on what you can do with this major, visit WCCC's Programs of Study (<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/programs/>) page.

All CMU/WCCC associate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, quantitative fluency, communication fluency, critical thinking, personal and social responsibility, and information literacy. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficient client assessment and use of information management systems in the medical setting.
2. Demonstrate accurate mathematical skills and quantitative reasoning as a base for patient care decisions.
3. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication utilizing medical terminology, computerized technology, accurate documentation, and verbal expression.
4. Provide safe, quality care by incorporating evidenced-based practice.

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select 'Print Options.' This will give you the options to either 'Send Page to Printer' or 'Download PDF of This Page.' The 'Download PDF of This Page' option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Degree Requirements

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU and WCCC Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 60 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 15 of the final 30 semester hours of credit at CMU/WCCC.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU/WCCC coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 20 semester credit hours for an AAS degree.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

Specific to this degree:

- 61 semester hours total for the AAS, Medical Office Assistant.
- A minimum of 16 hours taken at CMU in no fewer than two semesters.

Essential Learning Requirements

(15 semester hours)

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Communication		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	3
	or SPCH 102 Speechmaking	
Mathematics		
MATH 107	Career Math (or higher)	3
Other Essential Learning Core Courses		
	Select one Social and Behavioral Sciences, History, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts or Humanities course	3
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Total Semester Credit Hours		15

Other Lower Division Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Wellness Requirement		
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Select one Activity course		1
Total Semester Credit Hours		2

Program Specific Degree Requirements

(44 semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
MOAP 110	Medical Office Administration	4
MOAP 111	Introduction to Medical Assisting	3
MOAP 130	Medical Office Administration Insurance Billing and Coding	3
MOAP 133	Basic Medical Sciences I	4
MOAP 135	Basic Medical Sciences II	4
MOAP 136	Introduction to Clinical Skills	2
MOAP 138	Medical Assisting Laboratory Skills	4
MOAP 140	Medical Assisting Clinical Skills	4
MOAP 147	Medical Terminology	4
MOAP 150	Pharmacology for Medical Assistants	3
MOAP 183	Medical Assistant Internship	5
MOAP 189	Review for Medical Assistant National Exam	1
SPCH 101	Interpersonal Communications	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		44

Suggested Course Plan

First Year

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Fall Semester		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTC01	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences, History, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts or Humanities course		3
MOAP 110	Medical Office Administration	4
MOAP 111	Introduction to Medical Assisting	3
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
KINA 1XX	Activity	1
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring Semester		
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTC02	3
MATH 107	Career Math	3
MOAP 133	Basic Medical Sciences I	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences, History, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts or Humanities course		3
Semester Credit Hours		13

Second Year

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Fall Semester		
MOAP 135	Basic Medical Sciences II	4
MOAP 138	Medical Assisting Laboratory Skills	4
MOAP 147	Medical Terminology	4

MOAP 150	Pharmacology for Medical Assistants	3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring Semester		
MOAP 130	Medical Office Administration Insurance Billing and Coding	3
MOAP 136	Introduction to Clinical Skills	2
MOAP 140	Medical Assisting Clinical Skills	4
SPCH 101	Interpersonal Communications	3
Semester Credit Hours		12
Summer Semester		
MOAP 183	Medical Assistant Internship	5
MOAP 189	Review for Medical Assistant National Exam	1
Semester Credit Hours		6
Total Semester Credit Hours		61

Advising and Graduation

Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.