

Medical Assistant Program Frequently Asked Questions

Awards: Associate Degree [upon completion eligible to take AAMA (America Association of Medical Assistants) Certification exam]

Diploma (not eligible to take AAMA Certification exam)

Credits to Graduate: **Associate Degree** – 61 college credits + RDG 120 (3 credits)
 Diploma – 46 college credits + RDG 120 (3 credits)

How long does the program take to complete?

Associate Degree – As a full time student one can complete the program in two academic years plus summer following the last spring semester.

Diploma – As a full time student one can complete the program in three academic semesters plus the summer following the last spring semester.

However, many students need to take refresher pre-college level courses prior to acceptance in the program therefore it may take longer.

Is the program accredited?

The Associate degree program at the Wilmington Campus is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assistant Education Review Board (MAERB).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
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Clearwater, FL 33756
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Can courses be taken in the evening?

Core and technical support courses are offered all year long, day and evening. Many are offered using a distance learning format (telecourse or on-line). These courses are bolded on the curriculum check sheet.

The Medical Assistant Courses (MEA) are only offered once a year during the day in the semester that they are listed on the curriculum sequence sheet.

What is the Medical Assistant Internship?

The Medical Assistant Internship (MEA 290) is 192 hours of medical assisting experience at a clinical facility with which Delaware Tech must have a contract. It is a day summer offering but can be offered in any semester.

A student pays for this course and does not get paid by the clinical facility for participating in the experience. In order to comply with accreditation requirements a student cannot be compensated in any way for the internship hours. The experience is evaluated by a supervisor at the clinical site and a DTCC faculty member.

What other information do I need to consider prior to scheduling the courses?

A college level chemistry course is not required for admission to the medical assisting program.

RDG 120- Critical Reading and Thinking is a required course for graduation. There are several ways to become exempt. They include 1) becoming exempt by the score on the College Placement Test (CPT) or 2) having an associate degree or higher, which makes one exempt when the transcript of the degree granting institution is reviewed and approved.

Courses from other colleges may be considered for transfer if they are within the past 10 years and have earned a “C” or better. Math and Science courses must have been completed within the past 5 years.

A student in this program is required to comply with the Allied Health/Science Department Policy Manual and the policies and procedures that pertain to all programs. For example the student is responsible for transportation to/from the clinical site, completing all immunization and medical forms, etc.