Interested in a new career in the medical field? Clinical medical assistants perform patient clinical skills in a variety of healthcare settings such as, administering medications, assisting with minor surgery, performing an electrocardiogram, and educating patients. Employment of medical assistants is expected to grow 18% between 2020-2030. Our Clinical Medical Assistant Certificate Program teaches you the skills needed to become an excellent clinical medical assistant in under three months. The comprehensive curriculum also prepares you to sit for the National Healthcareer Association’s (NHA) Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam.

Why enroll in our Clinical Medical Assistant Program?

**Start a New Career Quickly**
Earn your Clinical Medical Assistant Certificate in just under 3 months.

**Learn About the Professional Medical Field**
The in-depth course is ideal for those wanting to gain knowledge of the medical field.

**Get Hands-on Professional Experience**
Our program includes a 160-hour clinical externship to jump start your career.

**Flexible Learning Options**
The program offers two options to fit your schedule—in class or completely online.

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Certificate Program

Our program offers a daytime, evening in-class, online or hybrid certificate option. The online course is self-paced and includes learning modules, 24/7 mentoring, learning exercises, and labs. Although the modes of education are different, the education and training received for each certificate is the same. The skills learned prepare you for a career in a variety of healthcare settings, such as physician’s offices, clinics, and chiropractor’s offices.

Clinical Medical Assistant Certificate
• $2,599* for the full program including 160-hour clinical externship and all e-books and related course materials.

Clinical Medical Assistant Self-Paced Online Certificate
• $2,599* for a self-paced e-learning course that gives you six months to complete but can be completed in as little as two months. Access to all e-books and related course material, and a 160-hour clinical externship included. A payment plan is available for the online certificate through our educational partner.

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Key areas and topics covered in the program

• Clinical medical assistant responsibilities and healthcare facilities introduction
• Medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, circulation of the heart and blood vessels
• Care & safety of patients, medical & legal aspects of care, confidentiality and HIPAA
• Effective verbal and non-verbal communication, interpersonal skills and human behavior
• Aseptic techniques, infection prevention, universal precautions, proper use and disposal of biohazards and sharps
• Documenting patient medical histories, updating patient medical files, vital signs and documentation
• Applying sterile dressings, preparing patients for x-rays, performing various injections, administering oral medications, instructing patients on the proper usage of medications
• Phlebotomy, venipunctures and capillary sampling, collecting specimens and point of care testing
• Performing 12 lead EKGs and placements

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