



Allied Health

Medical Assisting

2
Years

TO DEGREE

1
Year

TO CERTIFICATE

314

MEDICAL ASSISTING JOBS

Posted Per Year

29%

JOB GROWTH

Medical Assisting

Program Overview

Medical assisting calls for a combination of compassionate care, medical knowledge, and administrative skills to help medical offices run smoothly while making patients feel comfortable. MPC's program prepares students for a variety of careers in ambulatory (non-hospital) healthcare. Students learn to deliver patient care safely and competently, adapt and problem solve to improve care and day-to-day administrative operations, and communicate accurately and succinctly. Graduates are prepared to take the credentialing exam to become Registered Medical Assistants.

Job Outlook

There is high demand for medical assistants, with job growth through 2026 projected at 29%. Locally, health care is one of Monterey County's largest sectors, with four major hospitals in addition to a variety of outpatient clinical practices. Thanks to the broad skill set required and variety of job tasks, medical assisting is also an ideal introduction to the field for those contemplating further training and careers in both healthcare delivery and administration.

CAREERS

Medical Receptionists

\$24,680 - \$48,240

Medical Assistants

\$26,820 - \$59,130

Medical Records Specialists

\$31,800 - \$82,100

Medical/Health Services Mgrs.

\$65,140 - \$207,610

*Community Health Workers

\$24,390 - \$84,840

* Requires additional training
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (CA data)



MPC partners with Montage Medical Group, Doctors on Duty, and other local physician offices for externships, apprenticeships, and post-graduation job placement for medical assisting students.



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Suggested Course Sequence

Associate in
Science Degree
MPC GE Pattern

YEAR
1
Total Units:
31

F A L L		S P R I N G	
	Units		Units
ENGL 1A	3	ANAT 5	4
LIBR 50	1	MEDA 101	3
CSIS 50 & 50L	3	MEDA 110	3
MEDA 100	1	MEDA 121	3
MEDA 105	4	Area C	3
MEDA 120	3		
Total Fall Units	15	Total Spring Units	16

YEAR
2
Total Units:
29

F A L L		S P R I N G	
	Units		Units
Area A2	4	MEDA 130	3
MATH 16 rec.		Area D	3
MEDA 112	2	PSYC 50 rec.	
MEDA 114	2	Area F	3
MEDA 118	3	MPC Elective	2
MEDA 122	3	MEDA 123 rec.	
		MPC Elective	3
		HLTH 4 or NUTF 1 rec.	
		MPC Elective	1
Total Fall Units	14	Total Spring Units	15

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit www.mpc.edu/counseling.



The Medical Assisting program at MPC taught me the necessary skills and helped prepare me for the realities of working in a clinic. As a current Medical Assistant and Back Office Supervisor, I can't say enough how valuable my experience was at MPC.

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MPC Graduate

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