



Medical Assistant Program

Mission

The Medical Assistant Program supports the mission of Laredo College by offering accessible and forward-thinking education that prepares students for rewarding careers in healthcare. Through a commitment to excellence, the program develops students' knowledge, hands-on abilities, and professional values essential for success as entry-level medical assistants. By integrating emerging technologies and encouraging continuous learning, the program empowers graduates to serve their communities and contribute meaningfully to healthcare at the local, regional, and global levels.

Vision

Empowering aspiring medical assistants to transform healthcare through excellence in education, fostering skilled professionals who uplift patients, enrich communities, and advance the profession.

Program Goals

1. Students will safely and effectively demonstrate entry-level MA office competencies in the clinical setting.
2. Students will uphold ethical and professional conduct consistent with the profession and follow rules and regulations mandated by federal, state, and local agencies.
3. Students will be employed as entry-level MAs or be accepted into a program of study to continue their training/education.

Program Outcomes

1. Eighty-five percent of students in the A.A.S. track will successfully pass the national certification exam.
2. One hundred percent of Medical Assistant graduates will continue their education and training or obtain employment within 12 months of passing the national exam.

Student Outcomes

1. Students will communicate effectively and professionally with healthcare professionals, professionals in the medical industry, and patients and their families in an ambulatory setting.
2. Students will perform routine clinical and laboratory procedures safely, effectively, and according to current office protocol and as expected of an entry-level Medical Assistant.
3. MA students will perform routine administrative procedures according to current office protocol and as expected of an entry-level Medical Assistant.
4. Students will demonstrate professional behaviors within the ethical and legal boundaries of the Medical Assistant's scope of practice.

Conditional Acceptance

A student conditionally accepted into the Medical Assistant Program must submit the following items before the first day of clinical rotations. The student is responsible for all fees associated with these procedures.

1. Physical examination by a U.S. physician or nurse practitioner of choice within 45 days prior to the first day of class (*refer to Appendix A*)
2. Proof of immunization including: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, MMR, Varicella, Tetanus-Diphtheria Pertussis (Tdap), Bacterial Meningitis(S.B. No. 62 requires that all college students under the age of 22 must receive the Bacterial Meningitis vaccine. If you are 21 or under, you may request an exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Annual flu vaccine
3. TB skin test (annual) or chest x-ray (every two years)
4. American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider CPR Certification.
5. Negative criminal background check: (Laredo Police Department and Webb County Sheriff's Department).
6. Negative ten-panel drug screen

Continuous Enrollment

To maintain continuous enrollment in the MA Program, the student must pass all program courses with a "C" or better, adhere to the College and Program Student Code of Conduct, uphold professional behaviors, and maintain a negative background check.

The MA Program adheres to the Equal Educational Opportunity Policy listed in the LC Manual of Policy FA (LEGAL). Click [here](#) to access the policy

