Clinical Medical Assistant (O*Net)

Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, running EKG test and administering medications as directed by physician.

Related Job Titles:
Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Clinical Assistant, Doctor’s Assistant, Medical Assistant (MA), Medical Office Assistant, Registered Medical Assistant (RMA)

Title:
Job Zone Three: Medium Preparation Needed

Education:
Most occupations in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree.

Job Training:
Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

Quick Facts: Clinical Medical Assistant

| 2014 Median Wages | $27,500 per year $13.23 per hour |
| Entry Level Education | Post-secondary certificate; non-degree award |
| Work Experience in a Related Occupation | None |
| On-the-Job Training | None |
| Number of Jobs, 2012 | 6,340 |
| Job Outlook, 2012-22 | 19% (much faster than average) |

The Clinical Medical Assisting Profession

The Clinical Medical Assisting program is designed to prepare students to function as professionals in multiple healthcare settings. Medical assistants with a clinical background perform various clinical tasks including assisting with the administration of medications and with minor procedures, performing an EKG electrocardiogram, obtaining laboratory specimens for testing, educating patients, and other related tasks. Job opportunities are prevalent with physician’s offices, clinics, chiropractor’s offices, hospitals and outpatient facilities.

Course Information

Clinical Medical Assistant

This program is intended for students who want to prepare for an exciting, challenging and rewarding career in healthcare. This program will train students to assist physicians by performing functions related to the clinical responsibilities of a medical office. Instruction includes among other things preparing patients for examination and treatment, routine laboratory procedures, diagnostic testing, technical aspects of phlebotomy and the cardiac life cycle. Students will review important topics including phlebotomy, pharmacology, the proper use and administration of medications, taking and documenting vital signs, cardiology including proper lead placements, a professional workplace behavior, ethics and the legal aspects of healthcare. This program includes hours of classroom lecture and hands on labs and a clinical externship opportunity at a local healthcare provider. To be eligible for the clinical rotation, students must successfully complete the program, submit to a thorough background check, drug screening and meet other requirements.

Please read: UNM Tuition Remission eligible under Professional Development. Upon successful completion of this program, students would be eligible to sit for the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) national examination. Available (optional) Clinical Externship Hours: 160 hours after completing classroom training.

Course: 38210
Clinical Core: Sep 11-Dec 20 43 sessions MWF 6:00pm-9:30pm $2,669

Note: Clinical Medical Assistants should have a high school diploma or GED and be 18 years or older.
Course Information

Clinical Laboratory Assistant/Phlebotomy for ASCP Certification

Professionals in healthcare recognize that superior training provides you the knowledge and experience essential to national certification. Learn best-practices and industry standards used in the medical laboratory and begin a rewarding, patient-centered career. Become comfortable with medical terminology and the science of venipuncture, or drawing blood samples. With hands-on training you learn in the lab practice to perform blood draws on realistic plastic models and on other students. During clinicals the last three weeks of the class, you’ll experience the real world of a phlebotomist and have the opportunity to display your acquired skills for potential employment. Participants must be 18 or older. A high school diploma or GED is the minimum educational requirement. Participants must also take readiness assessments (free through Workforce Connections). Once class begins we will process you for Caregiver Clearance (background check) and you have current immunizations verified. Call 505-277-0077 x1 to register.

Course: 38205 225 hours $2995
Jul 10-Sep 8 M-F 2:00pm-6:30pm

This course is a 6-week class & lab; meeting afternoons Mondays-Fridays; 3 weeks clinical rotation, scheduled 8am-3pm Mondays-Fridays.

UNM Staff, Faculty & Retirees:

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Questions about this benefit? Call the benefits office at 505-277-MyHR.
To register, send completed forms for registration & tuition remission to registration@ce.unm.edu or come by our registration office, located at 1634 University Blvd. NE (just north of Indian School).

For complete list of class offerings, please see our catalog or visit our website at ce.unm.edu.

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