

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Medical Assisting Advanced prepares students to assist licensed health care practitioners with delivering safe, competent, and ethical medical care in various health care settings.

The Medical Assisting Advanced program provides personalized instruction and hands-on training, preparing students for clinical practicum externship and employment. The program is current with industry standards and responsive to the demonstrated needs and expectations of the communities of interest served by the program.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Task
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore career resources at fscj.edu/student-services/career-development .
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor each term.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fulfill the Civic Literacy requirement.
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the associate in science degree graduation requirements.

Career Options

Graduates are able to perform medical assisting duties under the direction of a physician/practitioner, including preparing examination rooms, taking vital signs, assisting in minor surgical procedures, giving injections, performing venipuncture, assisting in laboratory operations, taking x-rays, and administering electrocardiograms. Medical assistants also learn to function in an administrative capacity, including patient communications, maintaining patient records, billing, scheduling appointments, ordering supplies, and processing insurance claims.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Application Procedure

This is a Selective Access program. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog.

Advising

(904) 646-2300 or hcic@fscj.edu.

Sample Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about required courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog and class schedules for additional information.

A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all professional courses, as well as courses used to satisfy the general education and civic literacy requirements.

Course Recommended to be Completed Prior to Applying to the Program

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	HSC 1531: Medical Terminology (for Health Professions)	3

General Education Coursework

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC 2085C: Human Anatomy and Physiology I or BSC 2020C: Human Biology	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENC 1101: English Composition I or ENC 1101C: English Composition I Enhanced	3 or 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH 2020: United States History From 1877 to the Present or POS 2041: American Federal Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARH 2000: Art in the Humanities or PHI 2010: Philosophy in the Humanities or MUL 2010: Music in the Humanities or LIT 2000: Literature in the Humanities or HUM m: Topics in the Humanities or THE 2000: Theatre in the Humanities	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAC 1105: College Algebra or higher-level MAC course or MAP 2302: Differential Equations or STA 2023: Elementary Statistics	3-5

Term 1: Fall

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1206C: Clinical Procedures I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1265C: Laboratory Procedures I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1303: Medical Office Management	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLS 1301: Career Planning and the World of Work	2

Term 2: Spring

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1010C: Principles of Radiology I	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1207C: Clinical Procedures II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1266C: Laboratory Procedures II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1930: Special Topics I	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 2030C: Pharmacology	3

Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include **developmental education courses** in reading, writing, and/or mathematics that you may be required to take. Students who place into developmental education courses are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study. In addition, it does not include **MAT 1033: Intermediate Algebra**, which, for many students, is a prerequisite course for MAC 1105.

Certification/Licensing

Graduates of the Medical Assisting Associate in Science degree program are eligible to sit for the following examinations: Registered Medical Assistant Examination (RMAE) offered by American Medical Technologists, Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) and Certified EKG Technician (CET) offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA), and Basic X-Ray Machine Operator/Limited Radiography License offered by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control and American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

Term 3: Summer

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIM 1260: Health Insurance Billing	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 1931: Special Topics II	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 2809: Practicum Experience	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 2021: Disease Processes	4

Term 4: Fall

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEA 2020: Pathophysiology	5

Total Program Credit Hours

The **Medical Assisting Advanced** A.S. degree program requires a **minimum of 65 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual degree plan. Please see an advisor for individual guidance. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.