



PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DISCLOSURE

MEDICAL ASSISTANT AAS & CERTIFICATE

Medical Assistants are educated to be versatile individuals that are part of a rewarding, growing field. Students are trained in a combination of clinical and administrative duties which culminates with a 180-hour Cooperative Education experience in a medical facility.

Option 1 - Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

After earning your AAS, you will be eligible to sit for the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) exam through American Medical Technologists (AMT).

<https://americanmedtech.org/medical-assistant>

Option 2 – Certificate

After earning your Certificate, you will be eligible to sit for the Nationally Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA) exam through the National Center for Competency Testing ([NCCT](#)) or the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam through the National Healthcareer Association ([NHA](#)).

The state of **Washington** has additional requirements for students, please review the information below:

State/Territory Washington

License Title Medical assistant-registered

Specialized Accreditation Required? No.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No.

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes.

Specific Coursework 246-827-0300. Medical assistant-registered--Application.

An applicant registering for a medical assistant-registered credential shall submit the following:...

(2)(a) Proof of completion of high school education or its equivalent; or

(b) Proof of enrollment in a health career training or career and technical education

program. The training program must comply with all applicable federal and state regulations related to minors in the workforce.

(3) An endorsement signed by a health care practitioner...

WAC 246-827-0300.

246-827-0310. Medical assistant-registered-Endorsement.

(1) A medical assistant-registered shall have a current attestation that is filed with the department and signed by a health care practitioner endorsing him or her to perform specific tasks authorized in RCW 18.360.050(4) [set forth below].

WAC 246-827-0310.

18.360.050(4) (Authorized duties) states:

(4) A medical assistant-registered may perform the following duties delegated by, and under the supervision of, a health care practitioner:

(a) Fundamental procedures:

(i) Wrapping items for autoclaving;

(ii) Procedures for sterilizing equipment and instruments;

(iii) Disposing of biohazardous materials; and

(iv) Practicing standard precautions.

(b) Clinical procedures:

(i) Preparing for sterile procedures;

(ii) Taking vital signs;

(iii) Preparing patients for examination; and

(iv) Observing and reporting patients' signs or symptoms.

(c) Specimen collection:

- (i) Obtaining specimens for microbiological testing; and
- (ii) Instructing patients in proper technique to collect urine and fecal specimens.
- (d) Patient care:
 - (i) Telephone and in-person screening limited to intake and gathering of information without requiring the exercise of judgment based on clinical knowledge;
 - (ii) Obtaining vital signs;
 - (iii) Obtaining and recording patient history;
 - (iv) Preparing and maintaining examination and treatment areas;
 - (v) Preparing patients for, and assisting with, routine and specialty examinations, procedures, treatments, and minor office surgeries, including those with minimal sedation.
 - (vi) Maintaining medication and immunization records; and
 - (vii) Screening and following up on test results as directed by a health care practitioner.
- (e) Diagnostic testing and electrocardiography.
 - (f)(i) Tests waived under the federal clinical laboratory improvement amendments program on July 1, 2013. The department shall periodically update the tests authorized under subsection (1)(d) of this section based on changes made by the federal clinical laboratory improvement amendments program.
 - (ii) Moderate complexity tests if the medical assistant-registered meets standards for personnel qualifications and responsibilities in compliance with federal regulation for nonwaived testing.
- (g) Administering eye drops, topical ointments, and vaccines, including combination or multidose vaccines.

(h) Urethral catheterization when appropriately trained.

(i) Administering medications:

(i) A medical assistant-registered may only administer medications if the drugs are:

(A) Administered only by unit or single dosage, or by a dosage calculated and verified by a health care practitioner. For purposes of this section, a combination or multidose vaccine shall be considered a unit dose;

(B) Limited to legend drugs, vaccines, and Schedule III through V controlled substances as authorized by a health care practitioner under the scope of his or her license and consistent with rules adopted by the [Washington Secretary of the Department of Health]; and

(C) Administered pursuant to a written order from a health care practitioner.

(ii) A medical assistant-registered may only administer medication for intramuscular injections. A medical assistant-registered may not administer experimental drugs or chemotherapy agents...

(j)(i) Intramuscular injections. A medical assistant-registered may administer intramuscular injections for diagnostic or therapeutic agents under the immediate supervision of a health care practitioner if the medical assistant-registered meets minimum standards established by the secretary in rule.

(ii) A medical assistant-registered may administer intramuscular injections for the purposes of treating known or suspected syphilis infection without immediate supervision if a health care practitioner is providing supervision through interactive audio or video telemedicine technology...

Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 18.360.050 (West)



Supervised Experience (In-Program) None found.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? None found

Board/Agency Name Washington State Department of Health

Board/Agency Website <https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/medical-assistant>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 18.360.020 (West)

Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 18.122.030

Wash. Admin. Code 246-827-0010

Wash. Admin. Code 246-827-0120

Wash. Admin. Code 246-827-0140

Wash. Admin. Code 246-827-0300

Wash. Admin. Code 246-827-0310

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No.

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No.

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) The medical assistant shall have knowledge and understanding of the laws and rules regulating medical assistants, including chapter 18.130 RCW, Uniform Disciplinary Act. WAC 246-827-0120

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found.

Exam(s) Required None found.

Notes A person employed by a health care practitioner or facility is not practicing as a medical assistant as defined [by Washington regulations] if the person only performs the following tasks as part of a telemedicine visit:

(a) Maintaining medication and immunization records;



- (b) Obtaining and recording patient history;
- (c) Reception;
- (d) Scheduling;
- (e) Screening limited to intake and gathering of information; or
- (f) Similar administrative tasks.

WAC 246-827-0140

246-827-0310. Medical assistant-registered-Endorsement.

...(2) The medical assistant-registered shall only perform the tasks listed in his or her current attestation of endorsement filed with the department.

(3) An endorsement is valid as long as the medical assistant-registered is continuously employed by the same health care practitioner, clinic or group practice.

(4) A medical assistant-registered shall submit a new attestation of endorsement to the department within thirty days if the tasks listed on the current attestation change.

WAC 246-827-0310.

246-827-0320. Medical assistant-registered-Credential termination.

The medical assistant-registered credential terminates when the medical assistant-registered separates employment with the endorsing health care practitioner, clinic or group practice. The medical assistant-registered shall notify the department within thirty days of separation of employment. A person shall submit a new initial medical assistant-registered application as described in WAC 246-827-0300 upon new or additional employment.

WAC 246-827-0320

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