



Course Description

MEA0802 | Clinical Externship for the Medical Assistant | 3.00 credits

This course is designed to provide students with experiences in the practice of the clinical aspect of medical assisting. Students will be assigned to physician's offices or clinics where they will provide direct patient care under the guidance of an experienced Medical Assistant.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will perform general clinical skills by:

1. Demonstrating an aseptic hand-washing technique
2. Disposing of biohazardous waste in appropriate containers
3. Preparing patients for examinations and minor office procedures

Competency 2: The student will display professional work habits integral to medical assisting by:

1. Communicating appropriately in healthcare settings by listening, writing, speaking, and presenting with a professional demeanor
2. Contributing to team efforts by fulfilling responsibilities and valuing diversity
3. Responding appropriately and quickly to patient's needs and concerns

Competency 3: The student will perform administrative general skills by:

1. Understanding how to document manually and electronically appropriately
2. Maintaining confidentiality and adhering to HIPAA regulations
3. Demonstrating safety and quality assurance in the workplace

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities
- Describe how natural systems function and recognize the impact of humans on the environment