A Medical Assistant is an integral member of the health care delivery team, a vital liaison between the doctor and the patient, and plays an important role in the health industry. Medical Assistants perform administrative and clinical duties. In administrative area, our graduates will be able to schedule and monitor appointments, arrange hospital and outpatient admissions etc. In the clinical area, our graduates will be able to prepare patients for examinations, procedures and treatments, assist with physical examinations, take vital signs, chart patient information, perform electrocardiograms, assist with minor office surgeries, perform venipuncture, collect and prepare specimens, and perform basic laboratory tests.

MAP: California, Texas & Florida were the states with the highest employment numbers in 2014.

- California: 61,240
- Texas: 55,620
- Florida: 40,770

CBT College will prepare students to become certified in the following:

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
- Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)
- Certified EKG Technician (CET)
- Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)

PROJECTED GROWTH 2012-2020

- Medical Assistants: 29%
- Healthcare Support: 25%
- Total All Occupations: 14%

Compared to the other industries, Medical Assisting Technicians percent change in employment is greater.

AN AVERAGE ADULT HAS ABOUT 14 TO 18 PINTS OF BLOOD

- 1 pint = 2 cups

- = 2 cups or 1 pint of blood
- = 7% of the body’s weight

INFORMATION SOURCES

http://www.bls.gov/oco/healthcare/medical-assistants.htm
http://www.bls.gov/oco/healthcare/medical-assistants.htm
http://www.bloodbook.com/facts.html

12 MONTHS - 36 CREDITS

Microsoft Technology Applications

CGS1060

This is a hands-on course in which you will learn to use a computer to practice four of the most popular programs within the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint). You will learn to be an intermediate level user of the Microsoft Office Suite. Microsoft Word is a word processing program with which you can create common business and personal documents. Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet program that organizes and calculates accounting-type information. Microsoft Access is a database program that organizes large amounts of information in a useful manner. Finally, Microsoft PowerPoint is a presentation graphics program with which you can develop slides to accompany an oral presentation.

Medical Terminology

HSC1531

This course introduces medical elements and their applications to body systems and medical specialties. The student will be introduced to medical terms, including suffixes, roots, prefixes and anatomical terms. The basic body components will also be introduced and associated with the proper terminology. These terms will be applied to common medical specialties.

Anatomy & Physiology

BCS1085

Students are introduced to the structure and function of the human organ systems as an integral part of the medical field. This course is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the human body structures and normal functioning of each structural system, as well as what takes place when the body’s homeostasis is unbalanced.

Clinical Procedures

MEA0204

This course introduces the Medical Assistant student to the general procedures performed in the medical office. Students will learn essential techniques like: taking vital signs, recording medical histories and assisting physician during general physical examinations. Additional skills include but not limited to suture removal, medication administration and most common physical therapies procedures.

Prerequisites: HSC1531 and BSC1085

EKG

MEA1542

The electrocardiography is a non-invasive test on the heart using an electrical machine that measures the electrical impulses of the heart in tracings. This course teaches the variations in the electrical potential produced by the heart and is used to diagnose irregularities in heart function. This course provides recognition of emergencies in the EKG graph that will alert the physician to determine the need for possible further invasive testing. Students will be trained in performing a 12 leads- EKG, the drugs and side effects associated with EKG.

Prerequisites: MEA0204

Phlebotomy

MEA1245

The skill of Phlebotomy is taught through didactic, laboratory (mannequins) and hands-on (clinical) experiences. The students are trained to perform a variety of blood collection methods using proper technique and precautions, including but not limited to: vacuum collection devices, syringe and needle, capillary skin puncture for Hematocrit determination, winged needles (butterfly). Other special diagnostic tests include blood cultures specimen collection for all age categories, bleeding time determination and drug screening.

Prerequisites: MEA0204

Laboratory Procedures

MEA1256

This course introduces the Medical Assistant student to the most common Physician Office Laboratory Procedures (POL) including proper use of equipment, supplies, asepsis techniques, proper transportation. As well as preparation/examination of samples, recognizing normal and abnormal lab. Laboratory areas of importance to be taught are: microbiology, hematology, Urinalysis, blood chemistry and Immunology. Special emphasis placed on quality control, assurance programs and safety on laboratory mandated by Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) regulations and following proper steps in preventing accidents.

Prerequisites: MEA0204

Medical Office Procedures

OST1461

This course will provide students with skills and knowledge needed to perform entry level administrative duties. Information Management such as use of medical office equipment, computer programs proficiency (medisoft, office hours, EMR software, and others), medical records management, and medical transcription are also covered. Students will learn Front Office Management procedures focused in reception, telecommunication, and appointment skills, along with Financial Management basic principles related to Billing, payroll, and banking/accounting procedures.

Pathophysiology

MEA1203

This course emphasizes the fundamentals of the human disease process introducing important pathologic concepts and terminology, such as etiology, signs, symptoms, diagnostic procedures, clinical course, treatment and prognosis. This will include the study of the major diseases associated with each body system.

Prerequisites: HSC1531, MEA1245 and BSC1085

= 1 semester credit hour

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