

MiraCosta College

Medical Assistant Program

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<https://www.miracosta.edu/academics/degree-and-certificate-programs/health-sciences/medical-administrative-professional/index.html>

The Medical Assistant Program at MiraCosta College was founded in January 2019. The program is a full-time, one-year program which may include summer. A new cohort starts every August. Please see the current class schedule for date and times.

This program will include online, in class, and clinical hours.

Please Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice.

Prerequisites

- **Nursing 151** - Body Systems Survey for Health Professionals or Anatomy or Physiology
- **Nursing 155** – Basic Medical Terminology

Equivalent courses from other schools will be accepted. These prerequisites must be completed with a grade “C” or better **prior** to applying for the program.

Career Opportunities

The annual salary for Medical Assistants is approximately \$42,000. They may seek employment in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians’ offices, industry, public health agencies or various governmental agencies.

Application Process

Complete applications are accepted on an on-going basis and students will be added to the established list. Application must be submitted with the online Google doc.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be 17 years of age or older;
- Applicants must apply to MiraCosta College.
- Submit proof of high school graduation **OR** an official transcript of a Bachelor’s or Associate degree from an accredited college **OR** official score report for GED or High School Proficiency Examination.
- **Foreign Transcripts:** If a foreign degree was earned, foreign transcripts must be *evaluated* by a credential evaluation service for determining U.S. equivalency. Approved agencies can be found in the Admissions & Records office.
- Official transcripts of prerequisite courses.

For applicants who are notified that they have been accepted for enrollment in the program there are additional requirements:

Health Requirements: Applicants selected for enrollment in the program must have a physical examination, laboratory tests, and immunizations just prior to starting the program. The student must be free from communicable diseases, infections, and must be able to perform the essential requirements of the program with or without reasonable accommodations for disability.

Background Check and Drug Screen Requirement:

ALL students in ALL programs will be required to complete the background check and urine drug screen **PRIOR TO EXTERN PLACEMENT IN ANY ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAM IN SAN DIEGO - THIS IS A HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE AGENCY REQUIREMENT.** Students will be given the information to obtain these requirements at the orientation and advisement. Background Check - American Data Bank (ADB) www.sdnahcbackground.com

Please note: If a MiraCosta College student is denied access to a clinical site by the clinical agency based on information obtained during the background and drug check, the student will be unable to continue in the program.

Expenses

Students should plan on spending approximately \$2000 during the Medical Assistant Program for tuition, uniforms, books, background check, and the required physical examination and immunizations. Since the clinical portion of the program is taught at local hospitals and clinics, students must have reliable transportation to these sites and should budget for these expenses. Scholarships and loans are available for qualified students. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further details.