Medical Assisting Technology (A.A.S)

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS (CAAHEP)

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Medical Assisting Technology Program

Program Goal:

- The primary goal of the Medical Assisting Technology Program is to prepare competent, entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.
Medical Assisting Technology Program

- 47 students enrolled in the program currently
- 12 students are targeted to graduate in May 2016
- Approximately 8 CRBC students completing their education with us
Medical Assisting Technology Program

Basic Standards / Expectations

- Critical Thinking
  - Understand basic principles and apply concepts
  - Interpret facts, make decisions, and act on them

- Communication
  - Interact effectively and professionally with others

- Interpersonal Skills
  - Show initiative and responsibility
  - Be reliable and punctual
  - Demonstrate courtesy, tact and accept constructive criticism
  - Dress appropriately
  - Be able to multi-task and manage work time effectively
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Basic Coursework

- Medical Terminology
- Basic Anatomy and Physiology
- Pharmacology
- Medical Coding
- Financial Management
- Clinical / Administrative Labs
- Practicum / Professional Seminar
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Administrative Practices

- Schedule Management
- Insurance and Billing
- Electronic Health Records
- Telephone Techniques
- Managing Medical Records
- Written and Electronic Communication
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Clinical Practices

- Basic First Aid / Emergency Preparedness
- Infection Control Practices
- Patient Assessment / Vital Signs
- Phlebotomy
- Medication Administration
- Assisting with Minor Surgery
- Electrocardiography / Spirometry
Additional Learning Opportunities

- Guest Speakers / Lecturers
  - ADA specialists
  - Former MAT graduates
  - Cambria County Coroner
  - Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol

- Free Medical Clinic Rotations
- Pediatric Office Observations
- Virtual Reality Video Production / Usage
- Arbutus Park Retirement Committee
- Windber Research Institute
Degree Completion

▪ Minimum credits to earn A.A.S. degree: 61

▪ Eligible to sit for certification exams
  ▪ National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA) – National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT)
  ▪ Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) - American Association of Medical Assistant (AAMA)

▪ Phlebotomy Certification (NCCT)
▪ EKG Technician Certification (NCCT)
▪ Medical Insurance & Coding Specialist (NCCT)
10 Students Graduated in May 2015

This class had 100% pass rate on the NCCT Certification Examination

- NCCT national pass rate in 2015 was 65%
What is CAAHEP?

THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS (CAAHEP)

• A programmatic postsecondary accrediting agency
• Carries out its accrediting activities in cooperation with 23 review committees (Committees on Accreditation)
• Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
• CAAHEP currently accredits over 2100 entry level education programs in 28 health science professions
Comprised of a Commission and a Board of Directors

Commission responsible for approving the bylaws, mission, and vision statements of CAAHEP, as well as determining which health sciences professions are to be recognized by CAAHEP.

Board of Directors - The Accrediting body and primary governing body that oversees the business of CAAHEP and implements the mission and vision as adopted by the Commission.
The Road to Accreditation

• Long Process - 3 years

• Education
  • Faculty - Administration
  • Faculty - Students

• Planning
  • Timelines - task oriented
Benefits of Accreditation

- Accreditation process allows the program director to evaluate the program comprehensively through the self-study process.
  - clearly identifying strengths and weaknesses
- Ensures that the program meets the guidelines required to effectively ensure that students are receiving a proper education to prepare them for the workforce
- Accreditation offers assurance to our students and our community that our program is the highest quality program that will best prepare students to be entry level medical assistants
RESOURCES

- Upcoming webinar explaining the process of Accreditation
- http://www.maerb.org/