Imagine training under the supervision of a physician or medical practitioner, learning how to take vital signs, record EKGs, assist in minor surgical procedures, perform basic medical accounting, and understand the fundamentals of charting and documentation. If you’re interested in pursuing opportunities in the rewarding field of patient care, Purdue University Global’s Medical Assistant Certificate program can help you gain the relevant experience and skills to become a qualified candidate.
Why Study At Purdue Global’s School Of Health Sciences?

**Flexibility for Working Adults**
The program blends online coursework with on-ground clinical experiences. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

**Transfer Credits**
Use credits you earned at another institution to graduate sooner.¹

**Real-World Learning**
Gain valuable on-the-job experience through the program’s clinical component and an externship completed at a health care facility. In addition, the program offers hands-on, industry-related medical equipment training.

**Faculty Expertise**
Learn from experienced health care professionals currently active in the field. All of our professors possess advanced academic degrees.

**Personalized Support**
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

**Introductory Trial Period**
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.²

Take The Next Step In Your Education And Career

**Prepare for Certifications**
Keep building your credentials. You will sit for one of the following national credentialing exams as part of your program³:

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**Create a Pathway to Your Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree**
Use qualified credits earned in fulfillment of your certificate toward the requirements of certain Purdue Global degree programs⁴:

**BACHELOR’S DEGREES**
- Health Care Administration
- Health Science
- Health and Wellness or Nutrition

**MASTER’S DEGREES**
- Health Care Administration
- Health Education
- Public Health
Curriculum

Our comprehensive curriculum helps you develop the knowledge and skills to perform laboratory, clinical, and medical office procedures. The courses are reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

Courses Include the following:
- Medical Law and Bioethics
- Medical Terminology
- Pharmacology
- Cultural Competence and Communication
- Diseases of the Human Body
- Medical Office Management
- Medical Coding and Insurance
- Clinical Competencies
- Human Structure and Function

Program Outcomes
- **Clinical**: Demonstrate the core competencies of medical assisting clinical practice.
- **Administrative**: Perform clerical and administrative functions required of a medical assistant.
- **Standards, Laws, and Ethics**: Practice professional, ethical, and legal standards in health care settings.
- **Professionalism**: Exhibit professional behavior as defined by the health care industry.

PROGRAM DETAIL
- **Credit Hours**: 58 credits (14 courses, including externship course)
- **Program Length**: Less than 1.5 years
- **Course Load**: 2–3 per term
- **Terms**: 10 weeks long
- **Start Dates**: Throughout the year
- **Delivery**: Coursework is 100% online; clinical and externship experiences are onsite

“During my 7 years of teaching the medical assisting clinical courses at the University, I have discovered some commonalities among my students. They are looking for a career that they can start after a short, but valuable, education. They require a very flexible schedule as the majority of them juggle work, families, community activities, and so forth. They need a self-paced program as their educational histories, professional experiences, and life experiences are so varied. The Medical Assisting Certificate program offers them all of these benefits and more.”

**Cathlene Heideman**
MSN, ANP-BC School of Health Sciences, Adjunct Professor

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.

Additional Programs
Certificates
- Medical Billing/Coding
- Medical Office Administration

Bachelor’s Degrees
- Health Care Administration
- Health Education and Promotion
- Health Science
- Health and Wellness
- Health Information Management
- Nutrition

Master’s Degrees
- Health Care Administration
- Health Education
- Health Informatics
- Health Information Management
- Public Health
Industry Outlook
- According to the Bureau of Labor statistics, employment of medical assistants is projected to grow 18%, much faster than the average, from 2020 to 2030.
- Demand for medical assistants will be fueled by the large aging population, which will result in physicians hiring assistants to perform routine administrative and clinical duties.

Career Pathways and Outcomes

Day-to-Day Activities of a Medical Assistant
- Perform routine laboratory tests, such as blood work, venipuncture, urinalysis, and electrocardiograms
- Record patients' vital signs
- Change dressings and remove sutures
- Assist in patient preparation, relations, and education
- Collect and prepare laboratory specimens
- Manage patient records
- Arrange for hospital admissions and laboratory services

Settings
- Physicians' offices
- Ambulatory care clinics
- Health clinics
- Private practices

Center for career advancement
Our team of Career Specialists helps connect students with job and networking opportunities and offers the following assistance:
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Accredited by CAAHEP
The Medical Assistant Certificate is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.CAAHEP.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

Military Friendly
We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.