

MEDICAL ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

If you are interested in entering the exciting career field of healthcare, consider a career as a medical assistant.

The CSUSM/VCC MA Training Program is designed to provide career advancement opportunities to individuals with no-post high school education who are interested in the medical field. This program may be right for you if you have a desire to help others, have an interest in the health care and are unemployed, underemployed, work a minimum-wage job and/or work as an entry-level administrative staff at a community health center.

Let CSUSM help you prepare for your new career with their unique six-month certificate program developed in partnership with Vista Community Clinic (VCC). This 360-hour program includes classroom learnings focused on a variety of administrative responsibilities and clinical skills as well as required internship and externships. These provide a real-world experience to help you apply your new skills in a variety of healthcare settings.

YOU WILL LEARN

- The roles and responsibilities of a medical assistant
- Medical laws and ethics
- Medical terminology
- How to prepare and maintain patient information
- Medical office procedures & technology
- Medical office management
- Anatomy and physiology
- Vital signs, injections and phlebotomy
- Medical math
- Career development
- Career professionalism

The program is proud to have an average 95% completion rate and many of our students have attained employment at several health care settings including Vista Community Clinic, North County Health Services, Neighborhood Healthcare and Community Health Systems, Inc., ^Kaiser, Sharp and many more.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

Days: Monday & Wednesday evenings
and all day Saturday

Location: VCC, 4700 N. River Road, Oceanside, CA

Fee: \$3,000* (includes textbooks and materials)
**Tuition assistance available for qualifying students*

Application:* Apply online at
www.csusm.edu/el/medicalassistant

**Class size is limited and competitive. Apply early!*

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one of our recent graduates**



"For low-income residents in our communities, this program opens doors to rewarding careers in healthcare where they can make a difference and achieve economic self-sufficiency. The low cost makes it affordable and accessible to our target population. VCC is proud to partner with CSUSM in such an important endeavor."

- Fernando Sañudo, Chief Executive Officer of VCC

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY:

Call: **760-407-1430** or visit: **www.csusm.edu/el/medicalassistant**
Or email: **mprogram@vcc.org**

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LIRIO BALBUENA ROMERO

MEDICAL ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATE

When Lirio Balbuena Romero moved to the United States 13 years ago, she didn't know a word of English. Her father died when she was 7, and her mother moved to the United States to work and save enough money to bring Romero and her two siblings.

Together again, the family has lived in Sun City, Fallbrook, and Temecula, Calif., where her mother stresses the importance of education.

"She has always pushed my siblings and me to go to school and prepare ourselves to have a better life than she had," says Romero, now 28.

In high school, Romero was active in community service, filling a binder with commendations and certificates for her work, including service with Vista Community Clinic (VCC), where she first learned about the medical services accessible to residents in need. Without language skills or transportation, one of the struggles Romero's family had after arriving in the United States was access to healthcare.

"Even though (medical services) were available for the community, we didn't know where to obtain them," Romero remembers. "Now, that is something that I want to share with the community."

Three years ago, Romero became a staff member at Vista Community Clinic and she has worked at several sites as a receptionist, patient services representative, outreach worker for health promotion, prenatal assistant and OB-GYN surgery scheduler.

But her goal was to work directly with patients as a medical assistant. When VCC announced a new medical assistant training program in partnership with CSUSM, Romero immediately signed up. The six-month program was challenging, she says, but she was able to master

all of the skills she needed, and it gave her the flexibility to continue working full time while she earned her certificate.

"I'm putting into practice everything I learned. I'm doing injections on my patients, immunizations, lab work, and vital signs," Romero says, now three months into her new position as a medical assistant with VCC. But she wants to provide more. "I am the type of person that believes patients need more than treatment

or a plan; they also need to be surrounded by hope, confidence and respect."

Keeping her mother's advice close to heart, Romero is sure she is not done with education. "I would like to become an RN so I can help my community more," she says. "Someday, I would like to travel to different countries and provide health services for people who don't have access to those services. That is my biggest dream."

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