“I’m putting into practice everything I learned. I’m doing injections on my patients, immunizations, lab work, and vital signs. 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.”

LIRIO BALBUENA ROMERO
MEDICAL ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATE
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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 healthcare and are unemployed, underemployed, work a minimum-wage job and/or work as an entry-level administrative staff at a health center.

Let CSUSM help you prepare for your new career with this 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 real world experiences to help you apply your new skills in a variety of healthcare settings.

This program is proud to have an average 94% completion rate and more than 70% of our students have attained employment at several health care settings including Vista Community Clinic, North County Health Services, Neighborhood Healthcare, Community Health Systems, Inc., Kaiser, Sharp and many more.

WHAT YOU’LL 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

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

- 18 years of age
- High school diploma or GED
- Health insurance

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit application → Phone interview → In-person interview

HR Screening – all screening requirements including successful background check, CPR, TB and required vaccinations including COVID-19 vaccine

SCHEDULE DETAILS

DATES: Two cohorts each year with start dates in January and July - refer to website for specific dates

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

DAYS/LOCATION: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30-9:30 p.m. virtually and Saturdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. virtually and in clinical rotating groups at VCC (4700 N. River Road, Oceanside, CA)

APPLICATION: Apply online at www.csusm.edu/el/medicalassistant

* Class size is limited and competitive. Apply early!