

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Diploma Program

33 weeks – 760 hours, 48 credit units

The Medical Administrative Assistant program is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions as medical administrative assistants in a variety of health care settings. Students study various administrative procedures related to the medical office, including patient processing and assessment, processing medical insurance claims, bill collections, and general office procedures utilized in various medical offices. In addition to acquiring manual and hands-on administrative skills, the program is designed to teach students computer and keyboarding skills which enables them to become familiar with the computerized technology that is becoming more visible in the 21st century medical office environment.

The medical professionals have come to rely upon well-trained medical administrative assistants for their ability to handle managed-care insurance claims and the general financial functions of the medical office. This diploma prepares the graduate to fill entry-level positions in all medical facilities and insurance companies. The program is divided into eight learning units called modules. Student must complete modules A through G before starting Module X which is externship. A student can start with any module and continue in any sequence until all seven modules are successfully completed. Modules A through G stand alone as units of study and are not dependent upon previous training. If students do not complete any portion of one of these modules, the entire module must be repeated.

Upon successful completion of modules A through G, students participate in a 200-clock hour externship (Module X). Completion of the Medical Administrative Assistant Program is acknowledged by the awarding of a diploma.

Module ID and Title

Module A Office Finance 80 hours 6 credits

Module B Patient Processing and Assistant 80 hours 6credits

Module C Medical Insurance 80 hours 6 credits

Module D Insurance Plans and Collections 80 hours 6 credits

Module E Office Procedures 80 hours 6 credits

Module F Patient Care and Computerized Practice Management 80 hours 6 credits

HCIN Introduction to Healthcare Profession 80 hours 6 credits

Module X Medical Administrative Assistant Externship 200 hours 6 credits

Total 760 Hours 48 Credits

Module A – Office Finance 6 Quarter Credits

Module A introduces accounting functions essential to a medical environment. Students learn basic bookkeeping procedures and apply them to a bookkeeping project and accounting system. Students will also complete assignments writing payroll checks and keeping check registers. Patient billing is an integral portion of the module, including tracing delinquent claims and insurance problem solving. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self – directed job search process by learning how to cultivate the right on-the-job attitude, assembling a working wardrobe and identifying the strategies it takes to become the best in your new job so that you can advance in your career. They also become familiar with essential medical terminology. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. *Prerequisites: None.* Lecture Hours: 40 Lab Hours: 40

Module B – Patient Processing and Assistant 6 Quarter Credits

In Module B, students learn to set up patient records and maintain and organize them manually and electronically. Students become familiar with records management systems and develop skills in alphabetic filing and indexing, and appointment scheduling. The basics of health insurance are introduced, as well the basic of coding with CPT and ICD-9 codes. Students are trained in vital signs, and a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course is taught. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by identifying their personal career objective. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. *Prerequisites: None.* Lecture Hours: 40 Lab Hours: 40

Module C – Medical Insurance 6 Quarter Credits

Module C develops student proficiency in preparing and processing insurance claims. Students study insurance programs, including HMOs, PPOs, and worker's compensation plans. National coding systems used for claims processing are studied. Students learn to obtain information from patient charts and ledgers to complete insurance forms accurately. Students are given hypothetical insurance billing situations and select appropriate forms, codes, and procedures to process insurance claims for optimal reimbursement. Office & insurance collection strategies are also included. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by developing career networking techniques that will assist you in being successful in the medical field. Out-ofclass

activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. *Prerequisites: None.* Lecture Hours: 40
Lab Hours: 40

Module D – Insurance Plans and Collections 6 Quarter Credits

Module D develops student proficiency in preparing and processing insurance claims. The Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE, and CHAMPVA programs are discussed. Students learn to obtain information from patient charts and ledgers to complete insurance forms accurately. They also focus on important aspects of the collection process including collection letters, telephone calls, and collection servicing agencies. They will also learn about Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and the use of universal precautions in the medical office. Medical ethics and law are also included. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by identifying and demonstrating what a successful job interview contains and how to answer common interview questions accurately. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. *Prerequisites: None.* Lecture Hours: 40 Lab Hours: 40

Module E – Office Procedures 6 Quarter Credits

In Module E, students are introduced to dictation and transcription. Emphasis is also placed on correspondence and mail processing, health information management and the medical facility environment. Students will also become familiar with disability income insurance and legal issues affecting insurance claims. In addition, students learn about the Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act (HIPAA). Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search by learning how to set their own career goals. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. *Prerequisites: None.* Lecture Hours: 40 Lab Hours: 40

Module F – Patient Care and Computerized Practice Management 6 Quarter Credits

Module F emphasizes computerized practice management, including file maintenance, patient records, bookkeeping and insurance. Students will learn the health insurance claim form and managed care systems. Hospital billing is introduced this module. Students will also learn about the history of the healthcare industry and the Medical Assisting Profession. In addition, students learn basic techniques for taking patients vital signs. They learn OSHA standards and the use of universal precautions in the medical office. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by learning all about how to become and learn from mentoring. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. *Prerequisites: None.* Lecture Hours: 40 Lab Hours: 40

MODULE HCIN - Introduction to the Healthcare Profession 6 Quarter Credits

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the healthcare profession for new students starting an allied health diploma program. Students will learn the basics of medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, infection control, HIPAA, and OSHA. Additional topics covered include professional codes of ethics, medical insurance and billing, keyboarding, computer applications, basic mathematical skills, and critical professionalism skills are also taught. Students will have the opportunity to learn program-specific topics throughout the course. CPR certification is also included in the course. *Prerequisite: None* Lecture Hours: 40 Lab Hours: 40 Outside: 20 Hrs.

Module X – Medical Administrative Assistant Externship 6 Quarter Credits

Upon successful completion of modules A through G, students participate in a 200-hour externship at an approved facility. This course is 200 hours of supervised, practical, in-service experience in a medical office or clinic in which the student practices direct application of all administrative functions of the medical administrative assistant. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module.

Prerequisites: Modules A - G. Lecture Hours: 0 Lab Hours: 0 Other Hours: 200