Phlebotomy/Pre-Medical Assistant

Certificate of Technical Studies

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Program Website (http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/MedicalAssistant)

Gainful Employment Program Information (http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/gepi/phlebotomy.html)

All courses are online except AHMA 220, which is hybrid and requires students to be on GFC MSU campus throughout the semester.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow 27 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Hospitals, diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and other locations will need phlebotomists to perform blood work. Phlebotomists draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations. Some explain their work to patients and provide assistance when patients have adverse reactions after their blood is drawn.

If you want to further your education and get an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Medical Assisting (http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/medical-assistant):

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, employment of Medical Assistants is projected to grow 29 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Medical Assistants are specially trained to work in ambulatory medical settings such as Physicians' offices, clinics, and surgical centers. These multi-skilled allied health personnel can function in both administrative and clinical areas.

The Great Falls College MSU Medical Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (https://www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB). CAAHEP, 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727) 210-2350. Upon graduation from an accredited program, students are eligible to sit for the certifying examination through the AAMA.

Estimated Resident Program Cost*

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* Fall 2016 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums will be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website (http://students.gfcmsu.edu/insurance.html) and/or Student Central for confirmed premium rates. Students will be charged an additional fee of $21 per credit for online/hybrid courses.

Program Requirements

Prerequisite Skills:

Students wishing to enter the Phlebotomy/Pre-Medical Assistant Certificate of Technical Studies program are strongly advised to be proficient in keyboarding and typing. CPR and or First Aid are strongly recommended before you finish your professional certificate.

Becoming a Certified Phlebotomist

Once students successfully complete the course AHMA 220 Phlebotomy, they will need additional Clinical Lab clock hours plus 75-100 sticks. Once this is completed, students will qualify to sit for a national exam to become Certified or Registered Phlebotomists. (*This course will not set up your clinical lab sites for hours or sticks.*)

Students must be 18 years of age to take the certification examination for Phlebotomy.

Many students need preliminary math, science, and writing courses before enrolling in the program requirements. These courses may increase the total number of program credits. Students should review their math and writing placement before planning out their full program schedules.

Outcomes

Graduates are prepared to:

- To work as competent entry-level phlebotomy technician in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domain.
- To adhere to accepted principles and practices of safety and infection prevention and control.
- To utilize critical thinking and correct venipuncture, capillary puncture, and arterial puncture techniques and equipment use.
- Demonstrate proper and effective communication with providers, staff, and patients.
- Keep accurate records and be knowledgeable about the computer operations of the laboratory.
- With the knowledge to maintain currency within their field through continuing education.

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