



Course Description

MEA0832 | Diagnostic Externship in Medical Assistant | 3.00 credits

This course is designed to provide students with experiences in the diagnostic aspect of Medical Assisting. Students will be assigned to physician's office or clinics where they will perform diagnostic clinical laboratory procedures, electrocardiographic and basic x-ray procedures under the guidance of an experienced Medical Assistant.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will perform general clinical skills by:

1. Demonstrating an aseptic hand-washing technique
2. Disposing of biohazardous waste in appropriate containers
3. Preparing patients for examinations and minor office procedures

Competency 2: The student will display professional work habits integral to medical assisting by:

1. Communicating appropriately in healthcare settings by listening, writing, speaking, and presenting with a professional demeanor
2. Contributing to team efforts by fulfilling responsibilities and valuing diversity
3. Responding appropriately and quickly to patient's needs and concerns

Competency 3: The student will perform administrative general skills by:

1. Understanding how to document manually and electronically appropriately
2. Maintaining confidentiality and adhering to HIPAA regulations
3. Demonstrating safety and quality assurance in the workplace

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures, including global and historical perspectives
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively