Medical Assisting

West-MEC 2026-27

Post-Secondary Opportunities Information

POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

Phoenix College @ Maricopa Community Colleges. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credits provide a seamless pathway to a Medical Administrative Assisting Certificate of Completion (CCL) and a pathway to an Associate Applied Science (AAS) in Medical Assistant at Phoenix College.

Additionally, PLA credits also provide a seamless pathway to a Medical Laboratory Science Certificate of Completion (CCL) and an Associate Applied Science (AAS) in Medical Laboratory Science at Phoenix College.
The AAS Medical Laboratory Science has an accelerated pathway to the ASU Medical Laboratory Bachelor's Degree.
phoenixcollege.edu/degrees-certificates/medical-laboratory-science/university-transfer

- Bachelor's in Health Sciences-Allied Health (emphases in General Allied Health, Diagnostic Medical Imaging and Therapy, Medical Assisting, Paramedic Care, Physical Therapist Assisting, Respiratory Care, Surgical Technology, Occupational Therapy Associate) (BS) at Northern Arizona University (NAU)
  https://nau.edu/statewide-campuses/90-30-degree-completion-programs/

- **Gateway Community College** @ Maricopa Community Colleges. Students who complete the West-MEC Medical Assisting Program and the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) certification listed below will be able to waive 12 college credits in the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Health Services Management Program Degree via "Option II" in the link below.
  National Healthcareer Association - American Medical Technologist - Registered Medical Assistant (requires externship)
  Health Services Management

- **Pima Medical Institute**
  - Qualified candidates may transfer credits towards a Healthcare Administration Associate Degree

- **Alliant International University**
  - Qualified candidates, admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, are eligible for the preferred pricing of 20% tuition savings.

COURSES AND CREDITS

Medical Assisting is available at Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest Campuses

Phoenix College
Completion of the West-MEC Medical Assisting program and the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA)certification will grant 16 college credits (at no cost), upon acceptance and enrollment into the Medical Administrative Assisting Certificate of Completion (CCL) or Medical Assistant (AAS)

RMA certification= MAS 101 Intro Med. Assisting (3 college credits)
= MAS 102 Fundamentals of Administrative Medical Assisting (6 college credits)
= MAS 103 Basic Anatomy, Physiology, and Medical Terminology (3 college credits)
= MAS 104 Medical Administrative Assisting Practicum (4 college credits)

Completion of the West-MEC Medical Assisting program and the Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) certification will grant 4 college credits (at no cost), upon acceptance and enrollment into the Medical Laboratory Science (CCL) or (AAS)

CPT certification = PLB 109 Phlebotomy Basis Skills (2 college credits)
= PLB 111 Specimen Processing and Advanced Techniques in Phlebology Procedures (2 college credits)

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- College course credits include:
  - BIO 121 Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology (4 credits)
  - CMT 115 Medical Terminology (4 credits)
  - CCM 110 Communications (3 credits)
  - MAA 100 Office Management (4 credits)
  - HIT 150 Electronic Health Records (4 credits)
  - HIT 150 Introduction to Insurance (4 credits)
- West-MEC Medical Assistant program graduates may be eligible to transfer credit for all courses in the Pima Medical Health Care Administration program listed above. West-MEC students/graduates must complete the required 160-hour clinical externship.

TUITION INFORMATION

Phoenix College

- No cost for the PLA for admitted students

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Pima Medical Institute

- Successful completion of two concurrent Pima Medical courses taken online will transfer into the HCA program (must earn a grade of C or better).
- West-MEC students with Dual Enrollment credits may request a meeting with the Pima Medical Program Director to evaluate credit transfer on a case-by-case basis.
- For more information, please contact Pima Medical Institute Representative, Amanda Mariani amariani@pmi.edu

Please see the next page for the post-secondary option for transferring credits to Pima Medical Institute for the Healthcare Administration Associate Degree Program

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The Pathway to Success

West-MEC and Pima Medical Institute provide you with a pathway to college training and career advancement.

MEDICAL ASSISTING

CAREER

Pima Medical Institute
Associate Degree (online)
Health Care Administration

Work as a Health Care Administrator!

- Expand health care experiences
- Fast-track to management roles
- Work in hospitals, clinical offices and more!
- Apply to Bachelor's and Master's degree programs

West-MEC Program
Medical Assisting

- Build foundation as a Medical Assistant
- Hands-on training with college-level course work
- Develop leadership skills through CTSO

Get Started Today!

Contact your Pima Medical Institute Medical Career Specialist for more information:

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Or learn more:

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Transfer Guide

West-MEC

Pima Medical Institute

Medical Assistant Certificate Credits	Semester Hours
BIO 121 Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology	4
CMT 115 Medical Terminology	4
CCM 110 Communications	3
HCA 100 Office Management	4
HIT 155 Electronic Health Records	4
HIT 135 Introduction to Insurance	4
Total Credits Required for Certificate:	**23**

Evaluation Summary

Credits accepted from the West-MEC Medical Assistant program:	23
Credits remaining to be completed from Pima Medical for the Health Care Administration program (approximately one year):	42
Total credits required for Health Care Administration Associate Degree:	**65**

West-MEC

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