

# MEDICAL ASSISTANT

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## Program Description

The Medical Assistant program prepares students for employment as medical assistants. Courses will include best practices and theory, laboratory instruction, and a real-world supervised externship in physician's offices, healthcare clinics, and hospitals.

The role of the medical assistant is to assist the physician and other professionals in managing the care of clients. Medical assistants are responsible for performing duties in the areas of office management, patient care, and collecting and processing laboratory specimens. Medical assistants work under the direct supervision of a physician or other designated professional.

The Medical Assistant program offers students entry into the program at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Both program entry points will require hybrid coursework (in-person and online courses) and will award students with either an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree or an Intermediate Technical Certificate (ITC). Additionally, students who complete the Medical Assistant AAS will also be eligible for a Basic Technical Certificate (BTC) in [Medical Administrative Support](#).

## STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION

The Medical Assistant ITC program at the College of Western Idaho is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB). Our ITC program meets the standards set in the education of quality patient care by competent well-trained professionals.

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*Note: Registrations for Medical Assistant courses are restricted to students within the major.*

## Degrees and Certificates

- [Medical Assistant - Associate of Applied Science Degree \(AAS\)](#)
- [Medical Assistant - Intermediate Technical Certificate \(ITC\)](#)

## RELATED DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- [Medical Administrative Support - Basic Technical Certificate \(BTC\)\\*](#)

*\*All requirements for this degree or certificate may be completed fully online.*