

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS TO THE MEDICAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Minimum acceptable mental and physical qualifications of an applicant for the Medical Assisting program include the following:

1. Frequently work in a standing position and do frequent walking.
2. Lift and transfer patients up to six inches (6") from a stooped position, then push or pull the weight up to three feet (3').
3. Lift and transfer patients from a stooped to an upright position to accomplish exam table-to-chair and chair-to-exam table.
4. Physically apply up to ten pounds (10#) of pressure to bleeding sites, or in performing CPR.
5. Respond and react immediately to verbal instructions/requests and to auditory signals from monitoring equipment; perform auditory auscultation without impediment.
6. Physically perform up to a twelve-hour shift clinical laboratory experience.
7. Physically close and distance visual activities involving objects, persons, and paperwork, as well as discriminate depth and color perception.
8. Discriminate between sharp/dull and hot/cold when using both hands.
9. Perform mathematical calculations for medication preparation and administration.
10. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, using appropriate grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and interpersonal skills.

Applicants to the Medical Assisting program are responsible for determining their eligibility in light of these qualifications, informing the College of any potential problem areas, and identifying the Medical Assisting program of any particular accommodations they may need. Students with disabilities should register with the Accessibility & Assessment Coordinator and utilize these services to determine appropriate accommodations. Students with disabilities who enter the program do so with the understanding that they will be expected to meet course requirements with any reasonable accommodation that may be provided by the College.