EKG Technician Short Certificate

Current certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support (BCLS) at the health care provider level is required for all students pursuing the EKG Technician Short Certificate. Certification may be obtained at the College through enrollment in EMS 100 or from any other approved agency or facility. Online certification without hands-on skills sessions is not acceptable.

ADMISSION

Program requirements for health programs offered within the Alabama Community College System may be reviewed and revised between publication deadlines for this and future College Catalog and Student Handbook documents. Admission requirements below were in effect at the time this document was published and may or may not be current. Prospective students should contact the program office to obtain requirement updates.

Students entering the program must be high school graduates or possess a GED® certificate. Applicants must meet all College admission requirements, including appropriate placement testing. To aid in program success, it is advisable that any identified developmental needs be completed prior to enrollment in an MAT prefix program course. Accepted students must be in good standing with the College, including a 2.0 cumulative WCC GPA for students who have previously completed courses at WCC, have permission of registration, and have an active enrollment status. To progress successfully through the curriculum and function as a practicing member of the health care team after graduation, the following physical attributes are needed: visual acuity with corrective lenses, if required; hearing ability with auditory aids to understand the normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face; sufficient physical ability to question the client and relay information about the client verbally to others; and manual dexterity to provide safe, effective procedures in delivery of health care. Admission is conditional and depends on the student's ability to perform the essential functions identified for this program. A copy of the essential functions is available from the MAT program office and published on the College website, www.wallace.edu. Reasonable accommodations will be considered.

The student who needs additional academic background will be scheduled in courses to improve deficient areas. This will require additional time to complete the program, as technical courses are sequential and designed to facilitate the learner's progress from relatively simple to complex tasks.

The EKG Technician short certificate may be earned through the Medical Assisting program. Students desiring a short certificate in the area of EKG Technician will be required to meet only the requirements listed in the corresponding fields of concentration. Students who desire to receive an AAS degree in Medical Assisting, along with an EKG Technician short certificate, must complete all Medical Assisting AAS courses and MAT229.

Students completing all courses required for the short certificate in the EKG Technician concentration are qualified to sit for the EKG Technician certification examination offered by the National Healthcare Association (NHA) to become a Certified EKG Technician (CET-NHA).

The College may impose additional requirements on students enrolled in health programs. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the areas of attire, confidentiality, criminal background check, liability insurance, and substance abuse screening. Health insurance coverage is strongly recommended as the expense for treatment of injury suffered during training is the responsibility of the student.

PROGRESSION

Each term, students are allowed to progress in the Medical Assisting program as they meet the following criteria:

1. Receive a grade of C or above in all MAT prefix courses.
2. Withdrawals are allowed according to College policy. A grade of W will be recorded as a withdrawal. Grades of D and F will be considered unsuccessful attempts.
3. Successfully complete all psychomotor and affective program competencies.

READMISSION

Students who are not enrolled in the Medical Assisting program for two or more consecutive terms, excluding summer terms, are required to meet current admission criteria and to comply with the current program of study. Previous work is subject to reevaluation under the policies and program requirements in effect at the time of the student’s readmission to the Medical Assisting program.

Program: Medical Assisting
Type: Short Certificate

Area V: Required Field of Concentration Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
CIS 146	Computer Applications	3
EMS 100	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation I	1
MAT 101	Medical Terminology	3
MAT 102	Medical Assisting Theory I	3
MAT 103	Medical Assisting Theory II	3
MAT 111	Clinical Procedures I for the Medical Assistant	3
MAT 122	Basic Concepts of Interpersonal Relationships	3
MAT 128	Medical Law and Ethics for the Medical Assistant	3
MAT 211	Clinical Procedures II for the Medical Assistant	3
	Total credits:	**Total Credits 25**

Course Sequencing

Short Certificate Suggested Course Sequence FIRST SEMESTER

Item #	Title	Credits
CIS 146	Computer Applications	3
EMS 100	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation I	1
MAT 101	Medical Terminology	3
MAT 102	Medical Assisting Theory I	3
MAT 111	Clinical Procedures I for the Medical Assistant	3

NOTE: All MAT-prefix courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Health Care Association EKG Technician certification (CET-NHA).

Short Certificate Suggested Course Sequence SECOND SEMESTER

Item #	Title	Credits
MAT 103	Medical Assisting Theory II	3
MAT 122	Basic Concepts of Interpersonal Relationships	3
MAT 128	Medical Law and Ethics for the Medical Assistant	3
MAT 211	Clinical Procedures II for the Medical Assistant	3

NOTE: All MAT-prefix courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Health Care Association EKG Technician certification (CET-NHA).