

PATHWAYS TO HEALTHCARE: A Clinical Practicum at Student Wellness Services

Evergreen's Student Wellness Services offers a medical assistant program that provides students with the necessary training to be licensed in Washington State as a Medical Assistant—Registered. Upon successful completion of this program students are eligible to take the National Certification Exam for Medical Assistants and become credentialed as a Medical Assistant – Certified.

This program draws upon the strengths of students with a strong background in the humanities, as well as the social, psychological, and biological sciences. "Pathways to Healthcare" provides an opportunity for students to gain valuable clinical experience, working closely with a variety of healthcare professionals in a supportive clinical setting. This is an excellent experience that can influence and inform decisions about future careers in healthcare.

The Pathways to Healthcare Medical Assisting Program is highly competitive. About 20 of the strongest candidates are interviewed in May. From those interviewed, 4 – 6 are selected for the following academic year's program and will be notified by the middle of June.

Barbara Krulich, PA-C, Medical Assistant Program Director, provides the pre-fall quarter intensive training and the weekly in-services which are required for licensure.

If accepted to the program students must commit to a full academic year and work 16 -19 hours per week in the Student Wellness Center. Students receive 4 credits per quarter. There is also a 6 credit per quarter optional ILC available for program participants.

Student Medical Assistants completing our program have entered a variety of healthcare fields. These include MD, DO, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Nursing, Midwifery, EMT, Naturopathic, and Acupuncture programs.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Students who will be juniors and seniors are eligible to apply. Outstanding sophomores may also be considered.
- Required: at least 15 credits in each of college level math, English, and a science. Recommended but not required courses include biology, anatomy & physiology, microbiology, and chemistry.
- Other important selection factors include at least six months of volunteer or community service work. This does not have to be in the medical field.
- It is important to create a comfortable and safe environment for patients and to cooperate within the team of healthcare providers and staff. The applicant should possess poise, tolerance, strong people and communication skills, and the ability to work/focus in a busy environment with multiple distractions.
- Previous medical experience is not required for application to the program. We provide all the training necessary to become a Student Medical Assistant (SMA).

APPLICATION AND TIMELINE

Applications are available March 6th at Student Wellness Services or on-line at:
<http://www.evergreen.edu/health/studentmedicalassistant>

Must apply and be interviewed in spring 2017 to have the opportunity to participate in the 2017-18 academic year.

COURSEWORK

- Peer Health Education
- OSHA Blood Borne Pathogen Safety
- Immunizations
- Crisis & Psychological Issues
- STI Education

- Medical Terminology
- Front Office Procedures
- Pharmacology
- Applied Microbiology
- Venipuncture
- Clinical Skills

IF AN APPLICANT IS NOT ACCEPTED

Unfortunately there is limited space in the medical assisting program, which makes the application process rather competitive. Applicants not accepted are offered feedback and encouraged to apply the following year.

NEED FURTHER INFORMATION? CONTACT:

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