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One Year Programs: Medical Assistant School

By Ramon Mackenzie

There's a lot of confusion about medical assistant school and the types of medical careers you can qualify for in as little as one year. In this week's article, we answer the most frequently asked questions:

1) What exactly does a medical assistant do?

Medical assistants usually take care of both administrative and clinical needs, with specific responsibilities varying depending on the size of the doctor's office, type of clinic, etc. Duties can range from answering phones and filling out insurance paperwork to taking down patient medical histories and assisting doctors before or during medical examinations.

2) What is the typical length of courses at medical assistant school?

If you choose to study for a post-secondary certificate or diploma, your course will typically last one year. You can also study for a two-year Associate's Degree. If you choose to specialize in a specific field of medicine, there may be additional coursework.

3) What is the average cost of training?

You can get specific quotes on program costs once you've identified whether you're interested in a one-year, or a two-year program. We've compiled a list of some of the leading national medical assistant school programs for you, click the link. You can get cost, timeline, expected salaries, and other important questions answered for free, from a program specialist.

4) Am I guaranteed a job after I complete medical assistant training?

According to industry reports, the job market for medical assistants is not only hot now, it's expected to actually increase for at least the next eight years as factors such as baby boomers and health care reform continues to increase demand in this prestigious profession.

5) Sounds great, but I can't afford to give up my current job to do training. What can I do?

You have a wide range of possibilities available to you these days, especially with the number of top schools offering more of their curriculum online. Schools now offer alternatives such as evening or weekend classes to accommodate those with busy schedules. There are also online or distance learning options available. These courses adapt to your schedule, because most coursework can be completed when and where you want, as long as you have Internet access.

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Considerations in Distance Education for the Medical Assistant Instructor

By Dr. Mark Stout

Medical Assistant distance education is emerging to meet the demands of a new generation of students in the twenty first century. St. Augustine Medical Assistant School distance education program for medical assistant presents a good model for this integration of technology with medical assistant education. Distance education, particularly in its most recent form, online education, is being integrated into even the most cautious and conservative of educational institutions. Yet the impact of these alternative forms of teaching and learning on students, faculty, and institutions has yet to be broadly or deeply studied. New models such as that at St. Augustine Medical Assistant School are immersing. St. Augustine Medical Assistant School is available at:

www.medicalassistant.us

Distance education is not new, and can be traced as far back as the first century. The Apostle Paul wrote to the early Christian churches, instructing them from a distance (even when he was under 'house arrest' in Rome). This was probably the first type of 'correspondence course', which was the only method of learning at a distance until the advent of the telephone. Today, distance education and in particular online medical assistant instruction calls upon an impressive range of technologies to enable medical assistant instructor and the medical assistant student who are separated by distance to communicate with each other either in real time (synchronous) or delayed time (asynchronous). Currently and asynchronous model used at St. Augustine Medical Assistant School to instruct medical assistant students. This has proven to be a very effective model however the medical assistant program is currently investigating the benefits of synchronous online medical assistant instruction and the benefits it may have for the medical assistant student.

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Medical Assistant distance learning epitomizes the move away from institute based learning to a more direct, student centered approach. As a concept, distance learning has existed for over a century, notably in the form of paper based correspondence courses including the less formal correspondence education for medical assistants. Now however, distance education is depending increasingly upon technology for its success and technological innovations ensure that distance learning for the medical assistant continues to evolve and grow as a valid and potent force in all forms of education for the medical assistant.

The task of the medical assistant distance educator is therefore to obviate these problems as much as possible by mixing and matching techniques, creating and maintaining a stimulating environment, and offering opportunities for medical assistant students to communicate with each other and with the medical assistant teaching staff on a regular basis. The medical assistant educators will also need to change their traditional role as well. Many remote medical assistant students need a great deal of social support, and medical assistant distance educators may find themselves spending more time offering one-to-one tutorials and less time lecturing. St. Augustine Medical Assistant School at

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is leading today's technology in medical assistant education.

When designing medical assistant educational systems and materials for medical assistant distance in delivery the medical assistant teacher must consider not only learning outcomes, but also centered requirements and technical constraints for the medical assistant. Also to be considered are the needs,

characteristics, and individual differences of both the students, the teachers and future medical assistants.

Medical assistant distance education for the medical assistant then, should not be viewed as a means of reducing costs, but as an opportunity to raise standards. It is also about providing quality medical assistant learning opportunities for those who, for one reason or another, have previously been excluded from this basic human right. Medical Assistant distance education will quickly become the norm and not the exception for the twenty first century medical assistant. St. Augustine Medical Assistant School distance education program for medical assistant presents a good model for this integration of technology with medical assistant education. The St. Augustine Medical Assistant model can be reviewed at:

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