



Medical Assisting

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR ESSENTIAL CARE

Healthcare Training with Heart and Purpose

Medical assistants are vital members of healthcare teams, performing both clinical and administrative tasks that ensure quality patient care. Whether you're interested in clinical ("back office") or administrative ("front office") roles, our program offers the training you need to succeed — and with a projected 15% job growth from 2023 to 2033, **it's a field that offers great opportunities and career stability**. Merritt College stands out by combining comprehensive lectures, laboratory courses, and clinical experiences in local healthcare facilities, preparing students for careers as both front-office and back-office medical assistants.

MEDICAL ASSISTING (MEDAS) CERTIFICATES AT MERRITT COLLEGE

Certificate of Completion (CP1)

Bridge to Medical Assisting

Noncredit 280 hours

Learn about careers in healthcare while building foundational skills for entry-level roles or further study. Designed for students new to the field or returning to school, including English language learners and high schools looking for Dual Enrollment opportunities. **A flexible, supportive first step into medical assisting and a career in Allied Health!**



100% ONLINE AND ASYNCHRONOUS!

This course is a flexible, self-paced learning option where students access course materials and complete assignments on their own schedule, without real-time class meetings.

Certificate of Achievement (CA)

Clinical Medical Assisting

20 units

Prepare for hands-on, back-office roles supporting physicians with patient care, procedures, and health education. You'll learn to take vital signs, perform lab tests, and assist in clinical settings. Includes a 160-hour externship for real-world experience.



Certificate of Achievement (CA)

Administrative Medical Assisting

16-17 units

Focus on front-office skills like electronic health records, scheduling, insurance billing, and patient communication. Ideal for students interested in the organizational side of healthcare. Gain practical experience using industry-standard systems and software.



Grow your resume with these two key courses!

- **MEDAS 102B Clinical Medical Assisting II (3 units)** - Master ECG analysis, a sought-after skill as the demand for ECG monitor technicians is on the rise.
- **MEDAS 102C Clinical Medical Assisting III (3 units)** - Learn phlebotomy basics.



Certificates can stand alone or stack toward advanced credentials. Arrows show where stacking options or connections exist.



Nationally Ranked Career

Medical Assistants are ranked among the **top careers nationwide** for job openings and growth through 2032.

High demand. Fast growth. Real impact.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANTS EARN A MEDIAN YEARLY WAGE OF:

\$59,770

in San Francisco, Oakland, Hayward, CA Metro Area

\$46,690

in California

\$42,000

in the United States



Interested in joining the Allied Health Industry but **not sure where to start?**



Already working in a medical office but **ready to earn more?**



Curious to learn more but **need flexibility** due to life commitments?



MEDAS offers flexible pathways to help you gain the experience and credentials needed to launch or advance your healthcare career.



MEDAS gave me confidence and real-world skills. I was ready to start working right after graduation.

Merritt College MEDAS student



Get Started on Your Future Today

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Merritt College puts students first.

For decades, it has stood at the intersection of social justice, community empowerment, and career-focused education—expanding opportunity for underrepresented communities and supporting pathways into meaningful, living-wage careers. Whether you're switching professions, building new skills, or aiming for a promotion, Merritt's Career Education programs help you reach your goals through hands-on training, immersive career exploration, and support tailored to every student—especially working adults.

Our programs prepare students for licensure and certifications with strong pass rates and are aligned with high-demand jobs in the Bay Area and beyond. It's never been easier to complete a certificate, earn an Associate's degree, or prepare to transfer to a CSU or other four-year university. With flexible class times—morning, evening, and online—and services like counseling, the Learning Center, EOPS, and Student Accessibility Services (SAS), Merritt meets you where you are.



Meet with a Counselor early and often!

Whether you're enrolling in classes, exploring career options or navigating personal challenges, Counselors have your back! Counselors are available through scheduled appointments, remote drop-ins, and e-counseling (for specific needs).



Visit merritt.edu/counseling/ to learn more, or contact a dedicated Career Education Counselor at MCCareerEd@peralta.edu