

West Los Angeles College Medical Assistant Advisory Board Meeting 06/08/22 – 5:00pm-6:30pm | Zoom Conference

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Medical Assisting Inputs
 - a) Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy Certification.
 - i) Medical Assistant program is a one-year long program which started in 2011. Program consists of 13 administrative and clinical courses. Due to COVID courses are now taught asynchronous and synchronous but skills lab is on campus. Upon completion of the program, students are able to obtain three certifications: Administrative Medical Assistant, Clinical Medical Assistant, and Administrative & Clinical Medical Assistant. Students have two options to become nationwide certified medical assistant: California Certified Board of Medical Assistant Exam (CCBMA certified) which students have 100% success rate or American Medical Technologists (AMT).
 - ii) Course success rate is low during Winter and Summer sessions since students have a shorter time frame to complete their externship hours. However, those are usually completed during the first weeks of the Spring Semester.
 - iii) Challenges: Program is taught partially online. Clinics that the program is partnered with take a certain number of students (two max) to complete their externships hours at their location.
 - iv) College implemented a requirement for students to complete their vaccination and upload a record of it. District had issues with uploading vaccination card which caused low enrollment during Summer and Fall 2021.
 - v) Since 2017, WLAC partnered with USC to offer short-term medical assistant program to high school students.
 - vi) Presentation a low unit certificate of achievement called Fundamentals of Medical Assistant for entry-level high school and traditional college students. Students will complete 12.5 units. Certificate will include Health Occ 51, 52, 55 and ALD Hlth 021 & 033. It will not include an externship course.
 - (1) Dr. K mentioned the certificate is reasonable and supports it
 - (2) Dr. H commented that the certificate makes sense and supports it
 - (a) A vote was taken to establish the certificate and passed unanamously
 - vii) Expand medical assistant and phlebotomy certification
 - (1) Dr. H commented that his practice specializes in neurology. They focus on vitals, botox, and B12 shots; they do not withdraw blood since they send patients to other facilities such as Quest. Therefore, a neurology practice would not benefit from this expansion.
 - (2) Dr. K commented that his surgical practice does phlebotomy, sterilization, preoperative COVID testing. Students would benefit from learning more on how to become an office manager and other options to grow in their careers.
 - viii) Medical Insurance
 - (1) Juan Carlos mentioned closing gaps on issues with medical insurance. Medisoft is a basic fundamental software that is used to teach students during the program.



1 3) Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 P.M.