

# Program - Medical Assistant

## JumpStart Pathway HUMAN SERVICES

Course: Med Asst I - 1 Semester - 2 credits

Grades: 12 only

**WOULD YOU LIKE WORK IN A MEDICAL OFFICE OR HOSPITAL? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER WHERE YOU CAN HELP OTHERS? ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING A NURSE, DOCTOR OR RADIOLOGIST AND WANT TO GET STARTED NOW? CONSIDER ENROLLING IN OUR MEDICAL ASSISTANT COURSE.**

### Program Description:

Medical Assistant is a one semester program open to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in a Jefferson Parish High Schools. Students participate in academically rigorous instruction that prepares them for the NHA Medical Assistant Exam CCAA. Lessons will include lecture, reading, lab practice, completing activities from online study guide and practice certification exams with other testing. We suggest that students should have successfully completed Biology and Algebra II prior to enrolling in this course. Students in the Medical Assistant program will develop administrative and clinical skills related to a career in medical assisting. Students will learn about performing common clerical duties, handling patient/client data files, preparing patients for procedures, performing basic laboratory tests, and carrying out clinical duties such as taking vital signs, sterilizing instruments, preparing patients for procedures, and performing basic laboratory tests.

### Possible Industry Based Certifications:

IBC: NHA Certified Clinical Medical Assistant CCMA (Advanced)

Complementary: BLS- Basic Life Support (CPR & AED)

### Course Work Includes:

Fundamentals of insurance, basic pharmacology (medications), nutrition, anatomy & physiology, medical terminology, communicating with patients, infection control and hazard management, clinical procedures and records, pathophysiology and disease processes, microbiology & chain of infection, clinical patient care including calculations for injections, Topics include safety and infection control, CPR and first aid, human growth and development, monitoring vital signs, nutrition and wellness, and geriatric care.

### Additional Information

Students may wear maroon scrubs to class. Cost for all materials and the NHA-CCAA exam is provided by school for JP students.

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<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/jump-start-graduation-pathways> <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-assistants.htm>



**Medical Assistant median pay was \$43, 800 per year \$16.73 per hour earn in 2019. (www.bls.gov)**

**Jobs are expected to grow by 19% from 2019 – 2029.**

