



CERTIFIED CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT (CCMA/MCCT)



The Clinical Medical Assistant Program is a two term (24 week) program that consists of 547 hours of classroom instruction, skills lab, and clinical experiences in a hospital/medical clinic setting. Clinical Medical Assistants (CCMA), also called Medical Clinic Care Technicians (MCCT), are entry-level care providers who work directly with patients under the supervision of a physician or a licensed nurse practitioner. They have a variety of duties depending on the type of facility and the type of patient. Duties may include taking vital signs, assisting doctors in examinations, administering vaccinations, and first aid. They may also perform advanced skills such as phlebotomy, glucose levels and EKG's. Many people choose to become Clinical Medical Assistants as a first step toward nursing, medicine or other patient care careers. Clinical Medical Assistants usually work in medical clinics, but can be employed in hospitals and other health care facilities as well.

Jeremiah's Hope Academy is an Eligible Training Provider for WIOA, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Veterans GI Bill in the State of Alabama. Check with your County's Career Center for more information.



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Application Requirements:

A high school diploma or GED is required. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, complete a background check, and drug screening. Interviews are required. This process is lengthy and competitive but assures that students will be qualified to work in healthcare institutions. Nonrefundable application fees required.

Training

Training programs provide instruction and supervised clinical experiences related to basic patient care, interpersonal / communication skills, safety measures, infection control, medical terminology, nutrition, basic anatomy, vital signs assessment, CPR certification, and employability skills. Supervised clinical experiences for Clinical Medical Assistants occur in the clinical setting as well as phlebotomy training in a laboratory setting. Successful completion of an approved program in Clinical Medical Assistant prepares the student to take the National Healthcare Career Certification Examinations.

- **\$20 Application Fee (Non-refundable) to accompany completed application form;**
- **Tuition Cost (includes books, supplies and basic cert. fee): \$3,789.00**
- Additional cost for clinical scrubs

***Scholarships are available for those who qualify
Fees effective January, 2018 and are subject to change**

Clinical Medical Assistant FAQs

Where do Clinical Medical Assistants (CCMAs) work, what are their hours, and what do they do?

Clinical Medical Assistants are most often employed in medical clinics and physician offices providing direct care to patients. Most full-time Clinical Medical Assistants work about 40 hours per week. The Clinical Medical Assistant is the front line care provider, and has the opportunity to minister to patients in a most meaningful manner. Clinical Medical Assistants perform routine tasks under the supervision of nursing and medical staff. They observe patients' physical, mental, and emotional conditions; take their temperature, pulse rate, respiration rate, and blood pressure; they provide assistance to the physician during examinations; draw blood and collect samples for testing; complete EKG testing; and, may administer vaccinations or other tasks allowed by law in the state in which they work. For these reasons, Clinical Medical Assistants may be exposed to infection and major diseases, such as hepatitis, however their training in infection control provides them with procedures to reduce the risk of contracting disease. CCMAs answer a particular vocational call to sacred work by caring for the needs of patients.

What can the CCMA expect when providing care to patients?

The patients for whom Clinical Medical Assistants provide care may be fearful, irritable or uncooperative. While the Clinical Medical Assistants' work can be emotionally and physically demanding, many gain satisfaction from assisting those in need. Additionally, CCMAs will be interacting with patient families in stressful situations and working as a team member with other healthcare professionals.

What are the physical demands of being a CCMA?

The physical demands Clinical Medical Assistants may experience during their training and work are stooping, kneeling, frequent lifting (up to 50 lbs.), carrying and pushing objects (up to 25 lbs.), and continuous walking and standing.

What will the CCMA training include?

The Clinical Medical Assistant course is completed in 2 twelve-week terms (a total of 24 weeks) that incorporate classroom lecture, interactive skills lab, and patient care clinicals in the clinic and laboratory settings. Classroom instruction offers the Clinical Medical Assistant a wide variety of classes in life skills, human relations, clinic procedures, healthcare safety and infection control, physiology, and an introduction to healthcare in a faith-based health system that will provide the student a more holistic view of their role in a faith-based healthcare setting.

Advanced technical skills the Clinical Medical Assistant will learn are: performing phlebotomy, EKG, glucometer testing (monitoring patient's blood sugar), and pulse oximetry machines. The phlebotomy training consists of classroom instruction, skills lab, and clinical experiences in a hospital laboratory setting. The student will have an opportunity to perform venipuncture as well as skin punctures on patients to help fulfill the requirement that is needed to take the National Healthcare Career Exam. The EKG training includes classroom instruction, skills lab, and clinical experiences in performing EKG tests.

What is the class schedule for CCMA training at Jeremiah's Hope Academy?

The class schedule is dependent upon available classroom space, and is subject to change based upon the classroom needs of St. Vincent's Hospital Birmingham for meetings and training events. You can go to the website at www.jhacademy.org to see the most up to date class schedules.

Can I expect to find employment as a CCMA?

Nearly every clinic or physician practice employs CCMAs (MCCTs). It is a growing field in health care and, with healthcare reform, the need is projected to continue to increase.