

Medical Assisting Program Advising Guide

Portland Community College Cascade Campus – Allied Health

- Applications for the FALL 2023 program at the Cascade Campus accepted April 10 – June 16, 2023.
- Starting with Admission for Winter 2024 there will be an updated advising guide.
- See <http://pcc.edu/programs/ma> for program and application information

For additional information contact Admissions: Amanda Gallo 971-722-5667 or healthca@pcc.edu

PREREQUISITE COURSES (MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A 'C' OR 'P' OR BETTER BY CLOSE OF APPLICATION PERIOD)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WR 121 – English Composition | <input type="checkbox"/> MP 111 – Medical Terminology
<input type="checkbox"/> BI 120 – Survey of Body Systems – (or BI 121 or BI 231 & 232*) |
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ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS RECOMMENDED TO TAKE PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MP 135 – Pharmacology for Allied Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Relations elective – Options: PSY 101, 201A, 202A, 215 or SOC 204 or other approved class – check with admissions for approved list) | <input type="checkbox"/> MP 140 – Intro to Health Law and Ethics
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you need BI 122 or 233? – If you took BI 121 or 231 and 232 you need to complete the series |
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Mission Statement

The Allied Health Admission Office supports equitable student opportunity and success through a holistic admission review process rooted in assessing applicants' academic promise and accomplishment within the context of their personal and professional experience.

Point System Used for Admission to the Medical Assisting program

For each of the below questions, response quality is an important factor in evaluating applicant materials. Responses are assessed on how well they answer all aspects of the question, the clarity of the response, and general writing ability displayed. [PCC has resources](#) to help with developing and writing quality responses.

QUESTION #1: Experience (200 – 400 words)	25 points max
<p>Please describe your experience related to healthcare and how this experience led you to apply to this program.</p> <p><i>Things to consider: experience can include paid or volunteer work, community service, caring for a friend or family member, military experience, a personal experience that shaped your views on healthcare, or another experience that helps us understand your background as it relates to this discipline.</i></p>	<p>Content: up to 20 pts Writing: up to 5 pts</p>

QUESTION #2: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (200 – 400 words)	25 points max
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<p>In your own words, please explain why you think a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion are important to a successful career in healthcare? As part of your response, please include at least one example of your approach to working with people from different backgrounds or cultures.</p> <p><i>Things to consider: what is unique about healthcare that makes diversity, equity and inclusion so important? For your example(s), think about what experience you have working with people different from yourself? What important lessons or skills has your work, home life, or school experience taught you about collaborating and working effectively with diverse people?</i></p>	<p>Content: up to 20 pts Writing: up to 5 pts</p>
<p>Optional Question: Personal Context (100 – 200 words)</p>	<p>No points</p>
<p>We understand that grades and experience are just one part of who you are. What would you like the admissions committee to know about you that has not been addressed in the other application sections?</p> <p><i>Things to consider: if there's anything you want us to know about you, but didn't find a question or place in the application to tell us, now's your chance. What have you not shared with us that will highlight a skill, talent, challenge or opportunity that you think will help us know you better?</i></p>	

The admission team will use the points applicants receive from Essay Questions 1 & 2 combined with a more holistic review process of the applicant pool to make final admission decision. Each applicant's unique profile will be reviewed and a final cohort will be selected using this information, in addition to the points received on the two essays, to best ensure we admit a cohort that meets our mission statement.

What is needed to apply to the program

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to Portland Community College, www.pcc.edu/enroll <input type="checkbox"/> Complete all prerequisite coursework with a "C" or "P" or better. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You may apply if you are concurrently enrolled in prerequisites during the application period but your application will not be considered complete until all prerequisite course grades are recorded and completion is established. ○ If your prerequisites are being completed at a school other than PCC, you are responsible for getting a new transcript sent for review within a week of the grade being posted. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Medical Assisting Program application <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain unofficial transcripts from previous schools. Official Transcripts are required if accepted to program <input type="checkbox"/> Have a plan in place to pay for school. If applying for federal financial aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov) please note it can take up to three months to receive an award if eligible. <p>For additional information, visit the Medical Assisting website at http://pcc.edu/programs/ma or contact Admissions Coordinator Amanda Gallo (healthca@pcc.edu, 971-722-5667).</p>
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