

# Medical Assistant Program

## Western Technical College

### Program Details

**Medical Assistant Program Goal:** To prepare competent entry-level Medical Assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.

#### Western's Medical Assistant Program CMA (AAMA) Certification Examination Statistics

Students who graduate from a Medical Assistant Program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) are eligible to take the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) Certification examination. Certification is required and/or preferred by most healthcare employers who hire Medical Assistants. The CMA (AAMA) is considered the gold standard of medical assisting professionalism. The credential represents a medical assistant who has been certified by the Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). The CMA (AAMA) means a professional edge, increased prestige among colleagues, and greater job security.

The Medical Assistant program at Western Technical College has a percentage for 2016 Retention of 76.67%, and there are a number of support services available to students so they can successfully complete the program.

Year	Western 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates	Number Passing	Western 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates	National Pass Rate
2017	53	48	89%	64%
2016	70	67	96%	65%
2015	38	35	94%	64%