**1. COURSE TITLE\*:** Medical Billing & Coding

**2. CATALOG – PREFIX/COURSE NUMBER/COURSE SECTION\*:**  MAST 2218

**3.** **PREREQUISITE(S)\*:** Acceptance in Medical Assistant Technology

**CO-REQUISITE(S)\*:** ALTH 1160, MAST 1101, MAST 1111, MAST 1115, MAST 2240

**4.** **COURSE TIME/LOCATION/MODALITY: *(See Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

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| Course Time: | Course Location: |

**5.** **CREDIT HOURS\*:**  3 **LECTURE HOURS\*:** 2

**LABORATORY HOURS\*:**  1 (2 Contact) **OBSERVATION HOURS\*:** 0

**6. FACULTY CONTACT INFORMATION: *(See Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

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| Instructor: | Phone: |
| Email: | Term: |
| Office Hours: | Days/Time: |
| Office Campus/Room: | Course Campus/Room: |
| Course Webpage/Login: | |

**7**. **COURSE DESCRIPTION\*:**

The course begins with the fundamentals of initiating, tracking and processing insurance forms for commercial insurance carriers. Basic theory and coding principles utilizing Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10-CM), and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for completion of medical insurance claims. Use of appropriate terminology is emphasized along with accurate abstracting of information from the office medical record. A Competency Based Exam (CBE) for accurate completion of CMS-1500 is completed.

**8.** **LEARNING OUTCOMES\*:**

* To achieve proficient entry-level medical assisting skills for safe and effective performance of patient care in the ambulatory setting, with the understanding of their application to real life and/or on-the-job situations.

Students will demonstrate critical thinking based on knowledge of academic subject matter required for competence in the profession. They will incorporate cognitive knowledge in performance of psychomotor and affective domains in their practice as medical professionals and in effective communication, both orally and written.

**8A. COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

This course follows the minimum standards of quality used in awarding accreditation to programs that prepare individuals to enter the medical assistingprofession.

2022 Entry Level Medical Assistant core curriculum:

* Cognitive Objectives: Example: *II.C.1. Define the basic units of measurement: a. the metric system, b. the household system.* (“C” represents Cognitive).
* Psychomotor Competencies: Example: *II.P.2.* *Record laboratory test results into the patient’s record.* (“P” represents Psychomotor).
* Affective Competencies: Example: *A.2. Reassure patients.* (“A” represents Affective).

**PROGRAM ACCREDITATION REQUIRED FOUNDATIONS FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE**

**Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:**

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| **CONTENT AREA V: Concepts of Effective Communication** | |
| **Cognitive (Knowledge Base)**  **V.C. Concepts of Effective Communication** | |
| **V.C.3** | 3. Identify communication barriers |
| **CONTENT AREA VII: Basic Practice Finances** | |
| **Cognitive (Knowledge)**  **VII.C: Basic Practice Finances** | |
| VII.C.1 | 1. Define the following bookkeeping terms: |
| VII.C.1.a | a. charges |
| VII.C.1.b | b. payments |
| VII.C.1.c | c. accounts receivable |
| VII.C.1.d | d. accounts payable |
| VII.C.1.e | e. adjustments |
| VII.C.1.f | f. end of day reconciliation |
| VII.C.2 | 2. Identify precautions for accepting the following types of payments: |  |
| VII.C.2.a | a. cash |  |
| VII.C.2.b | b. check |  |
| VII.C.2.c | c. credit card |  |
| VII.C.2.d | d. debit card |  |
| VII.C.3 | 3. Identify types of adjustments made to patient accounts including |  |
| VII.C.3.a | a. non-sufficient funds (NSF) check |  |
| VII.C.3.b | b. collection agency transaction |
| VII.C.3.c | c. credit balance |
| VII.C.3.d | d. third party |
| VII.C.4 | 4. Identify patient financial obligations for services rendered |
| **CONTENT AREA VII: Basic Practice Finances** | |
| **Cognitive (Knowledge)**  **VII.P: Basic Practice Finances** | |
| VII.P.1 | 1.Perform accounts receivable procedures to patient accounts including posting |
| VII.P.1.a | a. charges |
| VII.P.1.b | b. payments |
| VII.P.1.c | c. adjustments |
| VII.P.2 | 2.Input accurate billing information in an electronic system |
| VII.P.3 | 3. Inform a patient of financial obligations for services rendered |
| **CONTENT AREA VIII: Third Party Reimbursement** | |
| **Cognitive (Knowledge)**  **VIII.C. Third Party Reimbursement** | |
| VIII.C.1 | 1. Identify: |
| VIII.C.1.a | a. types of third-party plans |
| VIII.C.1.b | b. the steps for filing a third-party claim |
| VIII.C.2 | 2. Identify managed care requirements for patient referral |
| VIII.C.3 | 3. Identify processes for: |
| VIII.C.3.a | a. verification of eligibility for services |
| VIII.C.3.b | b. precertification/preauthorization |
| VIII.C.3.c | c. tracking unpaid claims |
| VIII.C.3.d | d. claim denials and appeals |
| VIII.C.4 | 4. Differentiate between fraud and abuse |
| VIII.C.5 | 5. Define the following: |
| VIII.C.5.a | a. bundling and unbundling of codes |
| VIII.C.5.b | b. advanced beneficiary notice (ABN) |
| VIII.C.5.c | c. allowed amount |
| VIII.C.5.d | d. deductible |
| VIII.C.5.e | e. co-insurance |
| VIII.C.5.f | f. co-pay |
| VIII.C.6 | 6. Identify the purpose and components of the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) and Remittance  Advice (RA) Statements |
| **Psychomotor (Skills)**  **VIII.P. Third Party Reimbursement** | |
| VIII.P.1 | 1. Interpret information on an insurance card |
| VIII.P.2 | 2. Verify eligibility for services |
| VIII.P.3 | 3. Obtain precertification or preauthorization with documentation |
| VIII.P.4 | 4. Complete an insurance claim form |
| VIII.P.5 | 5. Assist a patient in understanding an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) |
| **CONTENT AREA IX: Procedural and Diagnostic Coding** | |
| **Cognitive (Knowledge)**  **IX.C. Procedural and Diagnostic Coding** | |
| IX.C.1 | 1. Identify the current procedural and diagnostic coding systems, including Healthcare Common Procedure Coding Systems II (HCPCS Level II) |
| IX.C.2 | 2. Discuss the effects of: |
| IX.C.2.a | a. upcoding |
| IX.C.2.b | b. downcoding |
| IX.C.3 | 3. Define medical necessity |
| **Psychomotor (Skills)**  **IX.P. Procedural and Diagnostic Coding** | |
| IX.P.1 | 1. Perform procedural coding |
| IX.P.2 | 2. Perform diagnostic coding |
| IX.P.3 | 3. Utilize medical necessity guidelines |
| **Affective (Behavior)** | |
| A.3 | Demonstrate empathy for patients’ concerns |

**9.** **ADOPTED TEXT(S)\*:**

*Kinn's The Medical Assistant with Student Study Guide and Procedure Checklist Manual, 15th Edition (or most recent edition) & SimChart for the Medical Office (SCMO), 2023Edition (or most recent edition)*

By: Niedzwiecki, Pepper

Elsevier, 2023

www.elsevier.com

**ISBN:**  978-0-443-21312-0 – Printed Package Bundle

*Kinn's The Medical Assistant, 15th Edition (or most recent edition)*

By: Niedzwiecki, Pepper

Elsevier, 2023

www.elsevier.com

**ISBN:**  978-0-323-87116-7 – Printed Paperback Textbook

*Student Study Guide and Procedure Checklist Manual, 15th Edition (or most recent edition)*

By: Niedzwiecki, Pepper

Elsevier, 2023

www.elsevier.com

**ISBN:**  978-0-323-87424-3 – Printed Paperback Textbook

*SimChart for the Medical Office (SCMO),* 2023 edition (or most recent)

Elsevier, 2023

**ISBN:** 978-0-443-10883-9 – Printed Paperback Textbook

*Practice Management with Auditing for Coders powered by SimChart for Medical Office* (or most recent edition)

(SCMO with access code)

Elsevier

**ISBN:** 978-0-323-43011-1– Printed Paperback Textbook

**ISBN:** 978-0-443-20300-8 – Printed Paperback Textbook/Workbook bundle

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**9a: SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS APPROVED BY FULL TIME DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY (INSTRUCTOR MUST NOTIFY THE BOOKSTORE BEFORE THE TEXTBOOK ORDERING DEADLINE DATE PRIOR TO ADOPTION) \*\*\*.**

**10.** **OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

**For Online Supplemental & Resource Materials students will need**:

* My Canvas LMS - will be utilized as a classroom supplement (per instructor).
* Daily access to personal desktop PC, laptop or tablet (see Southern State Community College (SSCC) website minimum computer requirement recommendations
  + iOS/Android (cell phone) will not meet all requirements/recommendations
* A working printer
* High speed internet access for access to course supplemental materials (not all required software/online resources are compatible with iOS/Android)
* One USB storage device for personal use/backup
* A medical dictionary
* Other as determined by instructor to meet course objectives (refer to instructor syllabus)

Required learning resources from previous program courses may be utilized

Review and consider immediate enrollment in the free online offering of [**CRDW 1100 Student Canvas Orientation**](https://www.sscc.edu/academics/online-courses.shtml#workshops), for best success using your LMS.

*\* Specific coding books are required for the AHIMA CCA and CCS credentialing exams. The full list of required coding books is updated approximately twice a year and must be reviewed at www.ahima.org prior to attending the AHIMA approved testing center:*

*Per AHIMA Site – CCA and CCS Credentials Exam:*

*All candidates are required to bring the following code books to the test center:*

*1. ICD-10-CM code book (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

*2. ICD-10-PCS code book (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

*3. CPT code book – AMA only (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

*OPTIONAL: ICD-10-CM Guidelines for Coding and Reporting (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

*CCS-P Exam: Elsevier: HCPCS Level II Standard or Professional Edition (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

* *See AHIMA Website for Approved (or most recent approved editions):*

[*AMA CPT® - Deluxe or Professional*](http://www.aapc.com/onlinestore/medical-coding-books/2011/cpt-book-professional.aspx) *or Standard (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

*Elsevier: ICD-10-CM and PCS Code Books – Professional (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

*AHIMA Approved (or most recent approved editions) - Available in bundle:*

*Elsevier ICD-10-CM Professional, ICD-10-PCS Professional, HCPCS Professional Edition, and AMA CPT Deluxe or Professional or Standard Edition Package (see AHIMA approved list prior to testing center arrival)*

***ISBN:*** *978-0-323-39739-1 – Package above Professional Edition*

**11. GRADING SCALE\*\*\*:**

To satisfactorily complete this course, the student must achieve a grade of ‘C’ or above according to the following system:

A (4.0) = 90% - 100%

B (3.0) = 80% - 89%

C (2.0) = 70% - 79% **\***

D (1.0) = 60% - 69%

F = 0 – 59%

***\*****A minimum final grade of ‘C’ is required to apply toward Medical Assistant Technology (MAST) and/or Allied Health Technology (ALTH) program completion.*

**12.** **GRADING PROCEDURES OR ASSESSMENTS:*****(See Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

This course maintains a no extension, no make-up policy for all course content (i.e., no make-up tests will be given). If you do not complete the course requirements as outlined, exceptions will not be made. The medical professional charged with care of others must remain diligent to meet career responsibilities and deadlines daily.

Students must earn a passing average score of 75% on exams. A minimum final grade of ‘C’ is required for this course to apply toward MAST/ALTH program completion (refer to **11. GRADING SCALE,** and Sample Final Grade Percentage Calculation below).

Knowledge of content is evaluated through performance of outlined core curriculum objectives by written examination (may be comprehensive), competency-based examination, performance of assignments, work projects, etcetera, to meet core curriculum objectives, per instructor (refer to Evaluation below).

Evaluation may include:

* Demonstration of listening skills, and respect, for diversity during interactions with patients and families
* Demonstration of assertive verbal and nonverbal communication skills with patients, families and team members
* Practice of correct medical terminology to communicate and document patient information
* Providing patient care in accordance with regulations, policies, laws and patient rights
* Following health and safety office policies and procedures to prevent injury and illness
* Textbook Reading: Flipped Classroom outline; students are to come to class prepared for lecture. Read all assigned chapters before coming to class.
* Examination: All exams may be comprehensive; quizzes are not. Quizzes may be utilized at the discretion of the instructor. Students must earn a passing *average score* of 75% on examinations. Failure to achieve the required 75% *average* will result in failure to progress in health science program (refer to **11. GRADING SCALE,** and Sample Final Grade Percentage Calculation below).
* Competency Based Examination (CBE): Competency-based skill performance is required on each psychomotor skill presented in the course (return demonstration *is not* an assessment of a skill explanation; *demonstration* of the skill set is required). Students must successfully pass 100% of all the psychomotor and affective competencies within two demonstration attempts, earning a minimum required score of 80%, in order to pass the course and/or progress in the program. A second attempt will have an automatic 10-point deduction (90% maximum score available). Failure to obtain the required 80% passage on each CBE will result in failure of the course (refer to Addendum: Competency Based Examination Procedure and Protocols). Instructors reserve the right to modify timing of exams or presentation of units to meet class objectives.
* Scenarios: May include discussion or role-playing or both. Objective: the student will learn professional behavior (affective domain CBE), through the use of scenarios to demonstrate communication, critical thinking skills and understanding of their application to real life and/or on-the-job situations. Students must successfully pass 100% of the affective competencies within two demonstration attempts, with a minimum required score of 80%, in order to pass the course and/or progress in the program. Failure to obtain the required 80% passage on each CBE will result in failure of the course (refer to Addendum: Competency Based Examination Procedure and Protocols).
* Written Communication: Accurate spelling is required and will be graded. Spelling exams/quizzes may be administered at the discretion of the instructor. Points will be deducted on all course related work, exams,

correspondence, assignments, quizzes, etcetera (including text and email), for incorrect spelling, punctuation and/or grammar.

* Participation: Evaluated by contribution(s) to class discussion; come prepared.
* Exercises/Assignments: Reinforce course content, cognitive objectives, and critical thinking skills. As assigned by the course instructor (refer to instructor syllabus/rubric).
* Presentations/Work Projects:
  + A patient information brochure is to be created as assigned. Assignment details and topic will be determined by the instructor (refer to instructor syllabus/rubric).
  + A Policy and Procedure Manual is to be completed as assigned. Assignment details and topic will be determined by the instructor (refer to instructor syllabus/rubric).
  + An educational resume will be created as assigned. Assignment details and topic will be determined by the instructor (refer to instructor syllabus/rubric).
  + Students will initiate the student Practicum Program Objectives (PPO) for instructor signature, verifying competent performance of core curriculum objectives, following successful completion of the term in which the competency-based examination was completed.
* Professionalism: Professionalism is required in both behavior and attire:
  + Classroom/Lab attire – scrubs/lab coat with hair up and away from face (refer to program handbook)

**Sample Coursework, Sample Final Grade Percentage Calculation:** (passing score required as above; assignments may be added/graded to meet core objectives):

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| **CATEGORY** | **TOTAL POINTS** | **% OF FINAL GRADE**  **Passing Score required as above** |
| Competency Based Examinations | (core curriculum, 8.A) | 30% |
| Chapter Examinations (7 x 100) | 700 points | 30% |
| Coursework/Exercises/ Professionalism | 100 points | 20% |
| Midterm Exam (1 x 100) | 200 points | 20% |
| Final Exam (1 x 100) |
| TOTAL | 1000 points + | 100% |

**13. COURSE METHODOLOGY: *(See Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

This course may include a variety of learning experiences which may include, but is not limited to: lecture, class discussion and/or online discussion board, journaling, audio-visual materials, critical thinking exercises, chapter and workbook assignments, computer assisted learning, publisher supplemental materials, student projects/ presentations, group exercises/projects, research paper, skill demonstration, lab skills and peer practice, practical scenarios, human patient simulation, competency based examination (CBE), cognitive examinations (exams), and other as assigned by the instructor, may be utilized as appropriate to meet the course objectives.

Following skill/video demonstrate of psychomotor skill(s), students will practice for return demonstration at the required competency level. CBE will be utilized for skill competency in the lab and in the practicum site setting. Students must successfully pass 100% of the psychomotor and affective competencies, with a score of 80% or higher, within two demonstration attempts in order to pass the course and/or progress in the program (see **12. GRADING PROCEDURES OR ASSESSMENT**).

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| **CAMPUS COURSE** | **CAMPUS HYBRID** | **ONLINE/**  **INDEPENDENT STUDY** |
| Attend/participate in course as scheduled | NA | NA |
| For each course credit hour (approximately 50 minutes) plan on approximately 2 hours outside class study/work | NA | NA |
| This course includes 1 Lab Hour (2 contact), and requires completion of out-of-class practice of competency skills to meet ODHE requirements | NA | NA |
| Classroom lecture, demonstration and skills practice, with supplemental resources, online skill video, skill practice (see schedule) | NA | NA |
| Complete all assignments and examinations within the due dates | NA | NA |
| Complete assigned discussion activities | NA | NA |
| Complete/turn in assigned reports and/or presentations | NA | NA |
| Skill Demonstration/CBE completed on campus with instructor | NA | NA |
| Lab practice/peer review completed on campus with/without instructor (as assigned) | NA | NA |

Students are expected to apply information and knowledge gained in this course to other health science courses, including practicum assignments.

**14.** **COURSE OUTLINE: *(See Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

The instructor will incorporate content related to professional practice throughout this course:

**\*SAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULE**

**See Instructor Specific Course Schedule for Detailed Course Work + CANVAS Supplemental Coursework**

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| **WEEK** | **TOPIC/CONTENT** | **LEARNING OBJECTIVE** |
| 1 | * **TOPIC:** Orientation + Canvas Introduction * **TOPIC REVIEW:** Health Insurance Essentials (12) – Thinking It Through and Projects as assigned * **SKILL LAB/VIRTUAL STUDY:** Competency Skills Practice; Watch Kinn’s any/all Supplemental Skills Videos as Assigned | VIII.C.1.a, VIII.C.2, VIII.C.3.a, IX.C.1 |
| * **SIMULATION LAB/SKILL – COMPETENCY LAB AS SCHEDULED** |
| * **TOPIC:** Diagnostic Coding Essentials (13) – Thinking It Through and Projects as assigned * **SKILL LAB/VIRTUAL STUDY:** Competency Skills Practice; Watch Kinn’s any/all Supplemental Skills Videos as Assigned * **PRACTICE EXAM:** Kinns Online Resource Ch 12-13 |
| 2 | * **EXAM (CANVAS):** Chapter 12-13 * **TOPIC:** Procedural Coding Essentials (14) – Thinking It Through and Projects as assigned * **SKILL LAB/VIRTUAL STUDY:** Competency Skills Practice; Watch Kinn’s any/all Supplemental Skills Videos as Assigned | VII.P.3, VIII.C.1.b, VIII.C.3.b, VIII.C.3.d, VIII.C.4, VIII.C.5.a, VIII.C.5.c, VIII.C.5.d, VIII.C.5.e, VIII.C.5.f, VIII.C.6, VIII.P.1, VIII.P.2, VIII.P.3, VIII.P.4, VIII.P.5, IX.C.2.a, IX.C.2.b, IX.C.3, IX.P.1, IX.P.1, IX.P.2, IX.P.3, A.3 |
| * **SIMULATION LAB/SKILL – COMPETENCY LAB AS SCHEDULED** |
| * **TOPIC:** Medical Billing and Reimbursement Essentials (15)– Thinking It Through and Projects as assigned * **SKILL LAB/VIRTUAL STUDY:** Competency Skills Practice; Watch Kinn’s any/all Supplemental Skills Videos as Assigned * **PRACTICE EXAM:** Kinns Online Resource Ch 14-15 |
| 3 | * **EXAM (CANVAS):** Chapter 14-15 * **TOPIC REVIEW: Patient Accounts and Practice Management** (16) – Thinking It Through and Projects as assigned * **SKILL LAB/VIRTUAL STUDY:** Competency Skills Practice; Watch Kinn’s any/all Supplemental Skills Videos as Assigned | V.C.3, VII.C.1.a, VII.C.1.b, VII.C.1.c, VII.C.1.d, VII.C.1.e, VII.C.1.f, VII.C.2.a, VII.C.2.b, VII.C.2.c, VII.C.2.d, VII.C.3.a, VII.C.3.b, VII.C.3.c, VII.C.3.d, VII.C.4, VII.P.1.a, VII.P.1.b, VII.P.1.c, VII.P.2, VII.P.3, VIII.C.1.a, VIII.C.2, VIII.C.3.a, A.3, |
| * **SIMULATION LAB/SKILL – COMPETENCY LAB AS SCHEDULED** |
| * **TOPIC:** Advanced Roles in Administration (17) – Thinking It Through and Projects as assigned * **SKILL LAB/VIRTUAL STUDY:** Competency Skills Practice; Watch Kinn’s any/all Supplemental Skills Videos as Assigned * **PRACTICE EXAM:** Kinns Online Resource Ch 16-17 |
| 4 | * **EXAM (CANVAS)** Chapter 16-17 * **SIMCHART COMPETENCIES:** As Assigned | As Listed Above |
| * **SIMULATION LAB/SKILL – COMPETENCY LAB AS SCHEDULED** |
| * **SIMCHART COMPETENCIES:** As Assigned * **COMPETENCY BASED EXAMS / LAB AS SCHEDULED** |
| 5 | * **COMPETENCY BASED EXAMS / LAB AS SCHEDULED** * **SELF-STUDY REVIEW – FINAL EXAM Ch 12** | As Listed Above |
| * **SIMULATION LAB/SKILL – COMPETENCY LAB AS SCHEDULED** |
| * **COMPETENCY BASED EXAMS / LAB AS SCHEDULED** * **REVIEW – FINAL SELF STUDY Ch 13** |
| 6 | * **CBE / LAB AS SCHEDULED** * **REVIEW – FINAL SELF STUDY Ch 14** | As Listed Above |
| * **SIMULATION SCENARIO – CRITICAL THINKING EXERCISES (8a-4p)** |
| * **CBE / LAB AS SCHEDULED** * **REVIEW – FINAL SELF STUDY Ch 15** |
| 7 | * **FINAL CBE AS SCHEDULED** * **REVIEW – FINAL SELF STUDY Ch 16** | As Listed Above |
| * **FINAL LAB/SKILL – COMPETENCY LAB AS SCHEDULED** |
| * **FINAL CBE AS SCHEDULED** * **REVIEW – FINAL SELF STUDY Ch 17** |
| 8 | * **PROCTORED FINAL EXAM: Due By End of Class via CANVAS, ZOOM OR CAMPUS – Per Instructor** | As Listed Above |

*\*The instructor reserves the right to adjust, rearrange, and/or maintain a different schedule of work (assignments, projects, exercises, exams/quizzes) to fulfill the objectives of the course and/or to revise course syllabus as needed according to circumstances during the semester. Changes will be announced/posted 24 hours prior to implementation; students are advised to read all announcements as they arrive.*

**15.** **SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS\*\*\*:**

* Instructor Responsibilities: 1). To prepare competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. 2). To prepare graduates for successful completion of appropriate credentialing examinations available to graduates of accredited Medical Assistant Technology programs. To this end, the instructor will develop a course of instruction to create a learning environment conducive to the achievement of professional competency. The student will develop information and insights that fill in this matrix. The instructor will highlight main points of the assigned text. The instructor will sensitize him/herself to individual student’s educational needs and make him/herself available for assistance.
* Student Responsibilities: 1). The student is responsible for reading, and being familiar with, the assigned material, prior to class presentation and/or discussion. 2). The student is responsible for bringing any misunderstandings they may have regarding the course content to the attention of the instructor in class. Participation in class discussion is mandatory.

**Classroom Policies:**

* Academic Honesty Statement: Academic honesty is expected of all students in institutions of higher learning. Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) cheating, plagiarism, or helping another student engage in academic dishonesty. If a student engages in academic dishonesty, at the discretion of the instructor, the student may receive an automatic failing grade for the assignment and/or course.

Honesty and integrity are a must in professional behavior and are expected of each Health Science Division student. Students observed or found to be cheating in any Health Science Division course will be given a failing grade for the test/assignment and/or the course. A written report of the incident, signed by the instructor and the student, will be placed in the student’s permanent program file. This notice will remain on file and in effect for the remainder of the student’s enrollment in the Health Science Division. Should a second incident of cheating occur in any Health Science Division course, the student will be dismissed from the Health Science Division for one year (all re-application guidelines apply; acceptance is not guaranteed).

The failing grade for dishonesty will not be used as the drop grade in a course in which a drop grade option is given. If a student allows another student to copy or cheat from their work, or assists a student to cheat, the same ramifications will be given to that student as well. The student witnessing cheating is morally obligated to report the incident to the instructor.

* Online Resource: Students registered for the course must visit the SSCC Online Information Webpage and comply with the Online Course Requirements, Instructor Requirements and complete the Online Readiness Checklist available on the SSCC website. Students are strongly advised to complete the Online Success Workshops. To meet the objectives of the course, students must login to the CANVAS online course resources the first day of the semester and complete the attendance assignment, or be dropped from the course.
* Attendance: To meet the objectives of each course students must attend scheduled classes. The class schedule is passed out the first day of the term. There are no excused absences, only absences. It is your professional responsibility to inform the instructor of your absence via Canvas Inbox.

**A-B Terms (8-Week Accelerated Program Outline)**

The A-B Term outline is on an 8-week schedule within a 16-week semester: Seven weeks of coursework are followed by a final exam on Tuesday of Week 8. Seven (7) class weeks x two (2) classes/week = 14 class days, less holidays/closings, and a final on Tuesday of Week 8. Two absences equals 20% missed.

There is no penalty for the first (1) class absences. A second (2) absence will result in a drop of one full letter grade from the final grade; a second (2) absence will reduce a final grade of A to a B, a B to a C (therefore impacting MAST/ALTH program progress) and a D to an F.

Faculty may withdraw students who have missed 20% (2 days) of the total scheduled classes of a course. A third (3) absence will result in a grade of WI assigned to the student (refer to SSCC College Catalog). If you intend to drop the course you must complete the drop process prior to final exam (refer to SSCC College Catalog). *Do not* assume the instructor will drop you from the course should you stop attending class.

The student is responsible for missed lecture and/or notes, assignments, handouts, etcetera, due to failure to attend/login into class.

* Tardiness/Early Departure: Tardiness/early departure is extremely disruptive to the classroom. For every two (2) occurrences of tardiness/early departure, you will earn an absence (refer to Absentee Policyabove).
* Inclement Weather: In the event of campus delay (when this class start time is impacted by said delay) the class will begin at the scheduled campus opening time to complete any remaining class time permitted.
* Reading: To be prepared to participate fully in class, students are expected to complete the assigned reading before attending class lecture. Examination may cover 100% of presented content in the assigned readings.
* Quizzes / Examination: Exams may be timed, fill-in-the-blank, true/false, oral, multiple choice, and/or essay, and may cover spelling, medical abbreviations, course content, other as needed. Students may be required to complete proctored quizzes/exams remotely which may record your surroundings using your webcam (location where completing same). By choosing to complete quiz/exam at home, you consent to recording of room/completion area. If you do not consent to recording of the room/completion area, you may complete the exam from SSCC Campus Libraries, computer room, or study room. The recording will be visible to your instructor and SSCC officials with a legitimate need to review the video only (classmates/other students will not be able to see recording of your room/exam).
* Work Products/Projects: As assigned to meet core curriculum objectives outlined for program accreditation.
* Scenarios: May include written and/or role-playing scenarios, simulation assessment(s), and/or patient procedures/treatment scenarios to meet core curriculum objectives outlined for program accreditation.
* Missed Lab Contact Hours, Skill Demonstration, Skill Lab, Simulation Lab, and/or CBE: Any student missing a scheduled lab, skill demonstration, simulation lab, and/or competency based exam (CBE), etc., must make an appointment with instructor for the next scheduled class to make up this required content. Failure to do so will result in a "Fail" for the competency, therefore failure for the course. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements (see program handbook Lab/Competency).
* Missed Examination: This course maintains a no extension, no make-up policy. You will earn a zero for missed exams. If you need to complete an exam early, contact your instructor at least one week prior to the due date (refer to instructor syllabus).
* Missed Midterm: This course maintains a no extension, no make-up policy. You will earn a zero for missed midterm. If you need to complete an exam early, contact your instructor at least one week prior to the due date (refer to instructor syllabus).
* Missed Final: This course maintains a no extension, no make-up policy. You will earn a zero for missed final. If you need to complete an exam early, contact your instructor at least one week prior to the due date (refer to instructor syllabus).
* Missed Due Date: This course maintains a no extension, no make-up policy. You will earn a zero for the assignment (refer to instructor syllabus).
* Cell Phones: No cell phones are allowed in class. Put them away. If you have your cell phone out, you will be directed to leave class, and you will be marked absent.
* Sleeping: Sleep at home. If you are caught sleeping, you will be directed to leave class, and you will be marked absent.
* Disruptive Behavior: Any behavior that distracts other students from learning and participating is disruptive. If you are disruptive, you will be directed to leave class, and you will be marked absent.
* Plagiarism: Copying someone else’s ideas and/or words and passing them off as yours. This includes copying and pasting material from your group/peer work, books, the Internet, videos, and all copyrighted material without express permission and proper documentation (use quotation marks and citations/footnotes).
* See Three, Before Me (C3B4Me): To encourage students on the path to becoming self-directed learners, we endeavor to create an environment that will empower and encourage students, throughout their journey, to become more self-directed in their approach to learning.

Before contacting the instructor/professor, search three resources to determine if you can find the answer to your question on your own. Start with three of the following suggestions:

* + Think it through; you may know the answer.
  + Read the textbook.
  + Read the course syllabus and course handouts.
  + Read/review the information posted in the online course.
  + Search the internet/website.
  + Ask a classmate to see if they know the answer.
  + If available, post the question to a class forum to see if a classmate responds with the answer.
  + If you do not locate the answer you need, it is time to contact the course instructor/professor (not support staff or another instructor). Most likely, at that point, it is a question that needs addressed with the whole class, and the instructor will determine the best way to share the information with everyone.

**16. FERPA\*:**

Students need to understand that their work may be seen by others. Others may see your work when being distributed, during group project work, or if it is chosen for demonstration purposes. Students also need to know that there is a strong possibility that your work may be submitted to other entities for the purpose of plagiarism checks.

**17.** **ACCOMMODATIONS\*:**

Students requesting accommodations may contact Ryan Hall, Accessibility Coordinator at rhall21@sscc.edu or 937-393-3431, X 2604.

Students seeking a religious accommodation for absences permitted under Ohio’s Testing Your Faith Act must provide the instructor and the Academic Affairs office with written notice of the specific dates for which the student requires an accommodation and must do so no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of instruction or fourteen (14) days before the dates of absence, whichever comes first. For more information about Religious Accommodations, contact Ryan Hall, Accessibility Coordinator at [rhall21@sscc.edu](mailto:rhall21@sscc.edu) or 937-393-3431 X 2604.

**18. OTHER INFORMATION\*\*\*:**

Classroom Conduct: Civility in the classroom is very important. As professionals, we expect students to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner. Disruptive, rude, sarcastic, obscene or disrespectful speech or behavior have a negative impact on everyone, and will not be tolerated. Students need to remember that the online discussion boards and chat rooms in the online courses are considered classrooms and the same rules apply. Students will use these tools in the online classroom for information that pertains to the class; it is not to be used for personal exchanges of a social nature. If you engage in any such conduct you will be asked to leave and you will receive a “zero” for any work completed that day. The instructor reserves the right to permanently remove a student from the class for inappropriate conduct after consultation with the Department Coordinator and Academic Dean.

**SUPPORT SERVICES:**

* Student Success/Tutoring Services: Students seeking support in computer fundamentals, using the online LMS, or available learning resources for course success may contact the Student Success Office, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431, extension 2281; or visit the SSCC website and search Student Success/Tutoring Services.
* Accommodation: Students in need of accommodations may contact the Disabilities Service Office, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431, extension 2604; or visit the SSCC website and search Disability Services.
* Career Services: Students and alumni seeking guidance with resume and employment resources may contact Career Services, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431, extension 2713; or visit the SSCC website and search Career Services.
* Counseling Services: Students seeking guidance with career counseling and counseling services may contact Career Services, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431, extension 2713; or visit the SSCC website and search Counseling Services.
* Campus Library:Students seeking assistance with reference and study materials may contact any campus library, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431; or visit the SSCC website and search Library for online resources, hours of operation and contact information.

**SYLLABUS TEMPLATE KEY**

**\*** Item cannot be altered from that which is included in the master syllabus approved by the Curriculum Committee.

**\*\*** Any alteration or addition must be approved by the Curriculum Committee

**\*\*\*** Item should begin with language as approved in the master syllabus but may be added to at the discretion of the faculty member.

**ADDENDUM TO SYLLABUS**

**MEDICAL ASSISTING ADMINISTRATIVE CLINICAL, & SIMULATION LAB POLICIES**

The MAST computer/office lab is for student skill practice only.

* The area is not designated for study; you will be instructed to leave if you are not actively practicing skills for competency-based exams.
* Each group must respectfully consider the working environment for all; professionalism is to be maintained at all times.
* Study areas are available in campus libraries, the student computer lab, and study tables are available in selected hallways. Multiple individuals/groups may be practicing skills in the lab at the same time.
* If you are not actively practicing skill sets, leave the lab practice area.

**Required Skill/Simulation Lab(s):**

The purpose of the Required Practice/Simulation Lab is to allow the student a simulated patient care experience in order to become familiar with the required psychomotor skills for a course.

* To meet program degree requirements (ODHE), students are required to arrange time for one (1) hour practice lab time, outside of class time, weekly for each course contact hour as required, for practice of competency skills only.
* Supervised practice lab and simulation lab time is scheduled during, and outside regular scheduled class, with an instructor according to the requirements of a course.
* Practice and attendance at supervised and unsupervised labs is required.
* Specific lab objectives written for each lab session must be satisfactorily achieved in order to successfully complete the course.

**Contact Hour Open Lab:**

* Students are required (ODHE) to complete one-hour lab practice outside the regularly scheduled class time, for each course having contact hours, to meet degree/course requirements (scheduled Simulation Laboratory Hours will count toward the required ‘contact hour’ lab practice).
* The office/computer lab is available for self-directed student practice during the hours not utilized for instruction.
* The student should use the Open Lab Practice to become proficient in a skill BEFORE requesting an evaluation of the skill by the student peer/instructor.
* Students must record each lab session, and remember to sign in and out of the lab. The sign-in book is located on the counter of the lab and requests date, time, name, and procedure.

**Equipment and Lab Maintenance:**

* All equipment, reference materials and supplies should be returned to the appropriate place after they are used for practice.
* No equipment, reference materials or supplies may be removed from the lab at any time.
* Students are expected to leave the computer lab in order, which means cleaning off table/counter surfaces, pushing in and straightening chairs/tables and returning materials and equipment to appropriate spaces.

If stations have been prepared for instruction, they are to be kept clean, clutter-free and safely out of traffic flow.

All students are responsible for maintaining order in the lab as follows:

* See that the room/lab is in order at the end of each class (chairs pushed in, tables clean, etc.).
* All equipment and supplies are returned to proper place.
* Furniture is in proper place.
* All lights are turned off.

**PROTOCOL FOR PEER COMPETENCY REVIEW**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

**After watching the skill video resources and/or instructor demonstration, using textbook competency checklist:**

**1. Ten (10) error-free practice sessions**

* Sign in on the Lab Hour Log as needed.
* Start your recording device as needed.
* Gather needed supplies.
* Set up your lab area.
* Begin to practice (minimum 10 error-free practice sessions successfully completed within the specified time).

**2. Three (3) peer competency evaluations**

Each skill that is designated for Competency Based Exams (CBE) must have three (3) **peer competency evaluation reviews** completed in the following manner:

* + 1. After completing ten (10) error-free practice sessions above, perform each step, ensuring video recording of the entire process (as instructed), and document the skill with a one peer reviewer from your lab group.
    2. Get constructive feedback from your peer reviewer about your performance of the skill. Feedback is to be given, and received, as a professional evaluation (i.e., no smiley faces, etcetera).
    3. Have each peer competency evaluation signature, with appropriate dates, documented on your skill sheet, indicating you have performed the skill for the peer competency evaluation correctly.

***\*Peer Competency Reviewers: Do not sign off on a skill for classmates unless you feel certain that the skill has been performed safely and competently (error-free).***

* + 1. Perform and record the skill for/with two additional peer competency reviewers from each of the OTHER lab groups (2 addition classmates for a minimum total of three (3)). Continue to practice independently for improved proficiency after peer competency reviews are complete.
* Ensure all steps have been documented accurately.
* Turn off your recording device.
* Return supplies to proper storage location.
* Clean up your lab area (refer to Medical Assisting Lab Policies):
  + Make sure all equipment is plugged in/recharging.
  + Make sure all cabinet doors are closed.
  + Push in all chairs, cover mannequins, etc.
  + Turn off all lights.
    1. Continually practice the skill until you feel confident in each step and your performance of the skill is consistently error free (achieve mastery of the skill).
    2. Address all questions regarding specific competency reviews to the instructor from whom the assignment was obtained.
    3. Place all signed peer competency sheets and documentation of required lab log hours in a designated folder for safe keeping until the time of your CBE or by the deadline date as designated by instructor.
    4. Turn in your USB device containing all lab and skill video recordings at the end of the term (as/if assigned).

**COMPETENCY BASED EXAMINATION (CBE) -- SKILL CHECKOFF PROCEDURE**

Lab participation is an important factor in lab performance evaluation. Students are to take individual responsibility for learning laboratory procedures BEFORE evaluation by an instructor/peer. The office/computer lab will be open for individual practice during the hours posted (one hour required weekly to meet degree/course requirements). The initial skills CBE will be scheduled by the instructor. CBEs will be performed according to the procedure listed below:

A. Students are required to successfully demonstrate skill mastery of all skill competencies within 2 CBEs, with a minimum score of 80%. Performance skills are weighted. The second attempt is not awarded 100 points; a 10-point deduction will be assessed after competency scoring (maximum attainable score for second attempt 90%).

B. If unsuccessful in 2 attempts, an unsatisfactory lab performance will result. Unsatisfactory lab performance at completion of the semester will result in the grade of F for the entire course regardless of the theory grade.

C. Only one attempt to perform the same lab procedure may be made each proficiency day. If the lab procedure is not completed successfully, the student will be required to reschedule the CBE at an available time on the second attempt calendar with the lab instructor, before the date it is due.

D. CBEs are to be scheduled during class lab time and at other assigned times as scheduled by instructor. Each student may sign up only once for a skill until all students have had an opportunity to sign up for that skill.

E. No books or notes are to be available during CBEs. "Patients" and assistants may not give clues or any verbal assistance during the CBE.

Before beginning the CBE, each student needs to:

* Make arrangements for an assistant if needed (per instructor).
* Make arrangements for a patient if needed (per instructor).
* Gather supplies and be ready to start 10 minutes prior to your scheduled CBE time.
* Have accurate record of all required lab hours/log copies, all peer evaluation documentation, all names/signatures on all documents as required, ready to give to evaluating instructor (proof your documents for completion/errors to ensure accurate completion/documentation prior to scheduling you CBE).
* Place all required documentation in order of performance (per instructor), ready to present at CBE.

F. Students are instructed not to watch others being evaluated.

G. CBE sheets are to be given to the instructor at the beginning of the evaluation.

* Upon satisfactory completion, each competency checklist will be signed by the testing student, CBE partners, the lab instructor, (as directed) and scores will be calculated.
* Each program required CBE must be successfully completed in the lab and signed off by the instructor BEFORE the practicum student is permitted to perform the skill in any clinical setting.

H. All written lab assignments must be satisfactorily completed and submitted on due date to pass the fundamentals skills course.