

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

MDA 240 Medical Assistant Externship 2  
4 credits, 1 lec, 2 lab, 6 clinical

Co OR Prerequisite: AHE 101

Co-Requisite: MDA 220, MDA 230 (or BIO 160, or BIO 201 and 202)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Practicum in clinical medical assisting. Application of clinical skills, procedures, and knowledge derived from medical assisting courses in a healthcare setting.

1. COURSE GOAL

Practice of essential skills.

2. OUTCOMES

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

- 2.1 Demonstrate social and behavioral skills appropriate to a professional setting
- 2.2 Demonstrate knowledge of the role of the medical assistant in the medical specialties
- 2.3 Demonstrate proficiency in specific laboratory skills and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) office testing
- 2.4 Correctly use standard medical abbreviations and symbols
- 2.5 Demonstrate therapeutic skills and effective communication with clients and healthcare providers

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Lecture
- 3.2 Multi-media presentations
- 3.3 Group discussions
- 3.4 Externship Assignment

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Group discussions
- 4.2 Written and reading assignments
- 4.3 Oral presentations/Role playing
- 4.4 Classroom demonstrations

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Class participation
- 5.2 Homework assignments
- 5.3 Quizzes
- 5.4 Certification exam (National Healthcareers Association)
- 5.5 Successful completion of externship assignment

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 Classroom Assignments: Students are responsible for work missed and for completing all work before the next class meeting. Students are responsible for participating in all oral drills and for taking all exams.
- 6.3 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the

student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.

- 6.4 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.5 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.6 Textbooks and materials: Students are required to bring notebook or looseleaf book, pens, pencils, dictionaries, and purchase textbook required for class.
- 6.7 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for "No Show" reporting during the first 10 days of each semester. Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
- For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course