Please contact the following numbers for counselor’s office hours:
(915) 831-4636
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2018-2019 Catalog
NON-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS
PROGRAM INFORMATION GUIDE
FOR
HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION (C2-MRMT)
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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If applicable to the program, to qualify for Specialized Admissions, applicants/students must satisfy all of the following: General Requirements, minimum TSI scores, Mandatory courses, and Pre-Program Specifics. Once all requirements are completed, ranking points are derived from the most recent TSI scores and most recent G.P.A of ranking courses. Applicants who complete all ranking courses may be more competitive for admission into their program of their choice.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

➢ Submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required).
➢ Must have a High School Diploma or GED.
➢ Submit official transcripts to:
  El Paso Community College Admissions Office
  P.O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998
➢ Must be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student.
➢ "Effective Fall 2011, and based on new federal regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once." Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course (s) may impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized admissions or transferability of courses. It is the student's responsibility to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to inquire how a repeat course (s) may impact their financial aid or veteran's assistance.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Texas State Legislature mandates that institutions assess all entering undergraduate students for readiness to enroll into college-level course work in the academic areas of Essay, Reading, Math, and Writing Assessment Tests, and to provide individualized developmental education programs to those students not demonstrating this readiness. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) requires the reporting of developmental progression and outcome of all students engaged in developmental education. Refer to EPCC Catalog or see your counselor for more information.
Minimum required TSI Assessment scores for Medical Transcription Certificate Program

- Math (PTSM), 350
- Reading (PTSR), 351
- Writing (PTSW), 363
- Essay (PTSE), 6

Official TSI Assessment scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be the one used for qualifying and ranking.

Official TSI Assessment scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (Essay, Reading, Math, and Writing).

Posting of TSI Assessment scores will take between 24 to 48 hours. TSI Assessment Tests must be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date.

NOTE: Minimum required TSI Assessment scores and/or Program Specific Criteria may be adjusted if a secondary ranking is necessary to fulfill enrollment requirements.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC CRITERIA

▲ None at this time.

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

There are no Pre-program specific requirements for this program before ranking.

This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). See current catalog for contact information.

Check 2018-2019 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

C2-MRMT DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

**First Semester**

- HITT 1205 Medical Terminology I
- HITT 2331 Medical Terminology-Advanced
- MRMT 2370 Medical Transcription Skill-Building
- SCIT 1407 Applied Human Anatomy and Physiology I

**Second Semester**

- HPRS 2201 Pathophysiology
- MRMT 1307 Medical Transcription I
- MRMT 1370 Introduction to Medical Transcription
- MRMT 2462 Clinical-Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist I

**Summer Session**

- MRMT 2433 Medical Transcription II
- MRMT 2463 Clinical-Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist II

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Program Begins - Fall Semester
- Maximum Students Admitted: 12 Students
- Community Wide Orientation online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/](http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/)
- HIPAA online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx)
- Health Careers Orientation online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/pages/default.aspx)
- Online additional program-specific and career information: [http://www.epcc.edu/healthprogram](http://www.epcc.edu/healthprogram)
- Students who completed articulated or dual credit courses in health in high school should bring this to the attention of the counselor. College credit may still be available.
- MRMT website: [http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Pages/HealthInformationManagement.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Pages/HealthInformationManagement.aspx)
Students enrolling in health career programs with clinical components must also meet Post-Program Specific Requirements prior to enrolling in specified clinical courses. The following is required of all applicants:

- **Must file a degree plan with designated Health Counselor.**
- **Background Check** must be completed by each student prior to enrollment in clinical courses. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/health care facilities until cleared. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. Website: http://www.elpasoex.com. You will receive a letter from the Dean, Health Career & Technical Education, Math and Science division after the background check is reviewed. **NOTE:** A background check must be repeated at student's expense if the student is not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters.***

Background checks are done prior to acceptance into most health programs or courses. Students are responsible for the costs. Currently, the approved vendor for El Paso Community College is American Databank. Only background checks from American Databank are accepted. (www.elpasoex.com). There are two Levels of background checks: Level I applies to all students and includes: (1) Social Security Number Verification, (2) Criminal Search 7 years minimum or up to 5 criminal searches), (3) Violent Sexual Offender and Predator Registry Search, (4) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) List of Excluded Individuals/Entities, (5) GSA List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs (6) U.S. Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), List of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN), and (7) State Exclusion List. Level II is for students already licensed or certified in any area. Level II requires all of the Level 1 elements plus (1) License Verification, (2) Certification Verification, and (3) Employment Verification, including reason for separation and eligibility for re-hire.

A positive criminal history will require proof of the official case disposition for clearance. Generally, disqualifying criminal offenses include but are not limited to (1) any felony conviction within the last 10 years or two or more misdemeanors in crimes against persons or families such as homicide, kidnapping, rape, sexual assault, assault, battery, aggravated robbery, theft, any misdemeanor or felony conviction involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation against a child, vulnerable adult, or disabled individual, and felonies or 2 misdemeanors involving manufacture, importation, delivery, or possession of controlled substances, including felony conviction of DWI or two misdemeanor DWI convictions. Deferred adjudication for any felony is also a disqualifying event for enrolling into this Health Program.

Please note that many professional licensure or certification agencies may have additional requirements. You should reference the requirements for each agency.

- **Current CPR Certification** at a Professional Level. Must be American Heart Association (AHA) CPR/BLS (only Health Provider training accepted). Military Training Network (AHA recognized) cards will be accepted. Hybrid AHA courses with live skills demonstration will be accepted. This must remain current throughout the course of the program (Certification may not be older than one year to end of semester).
- **Community Wide Orientation** (Renew every year) (online at: http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/).
- **Evidence of Health Care Insurance May be Required.**
- **HIPAA Training** (Renew every year) (online at: http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx).
- **Immunizations:** Notice to Students: Immunizations and Titers will be required for employment in Health Care only

If Immunizations and Titers are required–The following must be completed

- POSITIVE TITER required for Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 and Titer (can take 4-6 months to complete). If a student has started the Hepatitis B series by ranking deadline, he/she may be cleared for ranking or registration with the understanding that the series must be completed in a timely manner prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.

- **Tuberculosis (TB) Screening** required annually. **NOTE:** It is highly recommended to complete any and all TB skin testing prior to receiving the MMR and/or Varicella vaccines. MMR or Varicella vaccines could cause a false negative TB skin test result.

1. **Individuals who previously tested negative, have never tested, or aren't sure if previously tested.**
   a. Initial 2 Step TB Skin Test-Effective January 1, 2018 for all students/faculty new to health programs:
      i. Initial TB skin test (TST) administered and read 48-72 hours later.
      ii. If initial TST negative, 2nd TST must be administered no sooner than 7 days and no later than 21 days after administration of the initial TST.
      iii. If initial TST is positive, DO NOT ADMINISTER 2nd TST. Individual needs Chest X-ray and annual TB Assessment/Clearance (or equivalent document) from Health Care Provider.

2. **TB Skin Test Positive (previously).** Requires completed Annual TB Assessment/Clearance form.
   - POSITIVE TITER required for each 2 doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) (completed) and Titer.
   - POSITIVE TITER required for each 2 doses- Varicella Vaccination and Titer (completed).
• Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (TDAP) (completed) (expires after 10 years).
• Influenza is required (or completed declination form) (NOTE: If declined, will have to wear a mask in clinical) (done annually).
• Meningitis Vaccine or booster - (Effective January 1, 2012, a Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination is required for all entering students under the age of 22. The term entering students includes new students to EPCC, transfer students, and returning students. Students must provide proof of an initial meningitis immunization or booster to Admissions and Registration Department at any campus. The meningitis immunization must be administered at least 10 days before the start of the semester and must have been administered within the last five years). Visit Admissions and Registration EPCC web page for additional information. (http://www.epcc.edu/Registration/Pages/default.aspx).

NOTE: After vaccination is administered, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.

- Liability Insurance (Professional Practice Insurance) is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This is paid upon enrollment. Proof of payment (your registration receipt) must be provided to the instructor.
- Physical Technical Standards form (completed). (http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Physical%20Form.pdf).
- Program Orientation.
- Transportation: Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites.
- Textbooks and other course materials must be purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC MATERIAL SHOULD BE TURNED IN AS SOON AS COMPLETED TO: Jean Garrison/HIMA Program Coordinator, RG Campus, room B-307A - Telephone # (915) 831-4074.

OTHER INFORMATION

- CPR and First Aid Courses are available through the EPCC Continuing Education Division. Please see the current Continuing Education Course Schedule or call 915-831-4116 for more information.
- Immunizations, physical examinations, and other health care services are available through the El Paso Community College Rio Grande Border Health Clinic located at the Rio Grande Campus.
- Call 915- 831-4016 for appointments for the nursing clinic (immunizations and physical examinations).
- Call 915-831-4017 for appointments for the dental, medical sonography, or physical therapy clinics.

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