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HEALTH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MATH & SCIENCE
Specialized Admissions Program Information Guide
For
MEDICAL ASSISTING TECHNOLOGY
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS-MDCA)
And
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (C2-MDCC)
2025-2026 Catalog

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PROGRAM MAP

Program Map provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and Educational milestones. Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/program-map?programID=1175>

If applicable to the program, students qualifying for Specialized Admissions must satisfy all of the following: General Requirements, minimum set TSIA2 scores, Mandatory courses, and Pre-Program Specifics. Once all requirements are completed, ranking points are derived from the highest TSIA2 scores and G.P.A of ranking courses. Applicants who complete all ranking courses may be more competitive for admission into their program of choice.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Specialized Admissions must satisfy Minimum Criteria in order to be eligible for ranking. The following is required of all applicants:

- Prior to ranking, **the student must** submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required). For online Transcripts Evaluation: sendtranscripts2@epcc.edu PDF with a password protection.
- Student 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
- Student must:
 1. Be approved to take credit academic courses by EPCC
 2. If applicable, have successfully completed TSIA2 Assessment Tests.
 3. Complete an online Health Careers Orientation at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/health-careers-orientation>
 4. Submit Specialized Admissions Application form, pay \$ 10.00 fee at any EPCC Cashiers' office, send receipt via email to specialized.adm@epcc.edu or hand carry to: VV Campus, 919 Hunter, Enrollment Services Center; Admissions and Registration Office.
 5. A grade of a "C" or better is required for all academic and specialized courses listed under the degree plan.
- EPCC Cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required
- "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) would 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) would impact their financial aid or veteran's assistance.

TSIA2 MINIMUM REQUIRED ASSESSMENT SCORES FOR MDCA AAS

Test Area	Test Code	TSIA2 Cut Scores
Math	PTMT	910
Reading & Writing	PTER	910
Essay	PTWE	5

- **TSIA2 Official Assessment scores are valid for two (2) years with the highest test score used for qualifying and ranking.**
- **Posting of TSIA2 Assessment scores will take between 24 to 48 hours. Assessment Tests have to be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date. Consult a MDCA Health Counselor for advice.**

MANDATORY COURSES: NONE

▲ No Mandatory Courses

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

▲ None at this time

The Medical Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 9355-113th St N, # 7709; Seminole, FL 33775; phone: (727) 210-2350, Website: www.caahep.org Email: mail@caahep.org
 Upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

MDCA AAS DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

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Fall Semester

MDCA 1305	Medical Law and Ethics	Corequisite: MDCA 1409.
MDCA 1313	Medical Terminology for Medical Assistants	
MDCA 1409	Anatomy and Physiology for Medical Assistants	Corequisite: MDCA 1305.
MDCA 1421	Administrative Procedures	Corequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1409.
MDCA 1443	Medical Insurance	

Spring Semester

MDCA 1310	Medical Assistant Interpersonal and Communication Skills	Prerequisite: MDCA 1421. Corequisite: MDCA 1417.
MDCA 1417	Procedures in a Clinical Setting I	Prerequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1313 and MDCA 1409. Corequisite: MDCA 1448.
MDCA 1448	Pharmacology & Administration of Medications	Prerequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1313 and MDCA 1409. Corequisite: MDCA 1417.
MDCA 1452	Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures	Prerequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1313 and MDCA 1409.

Summer Semester

ENGL 1301	Composition I (C)	Prerequisite: Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA2 or equivalent; OR completion of INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or INRW 0313 with a "C" or better; OR concurrent enrollment in INRW 0311 or INRW 0313.
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking (C)	Prerequisite: Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA2 or equivalent; OR completion with a "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or INRW 0313.

OR

SPCH 1321	Business & Professional Communication (C)	Prerequisite: Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA2 or equivalent; OR completion with a "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or INRW 0313.
	Humanities or Fine Arts Elective *1 (C)	Preferred Course PHIL 2306
	Mathematics Elective *2 (C, MNS)	Preferred Course MATH 1332
	Social and Behavioral Sciences *3 (C, SBS)	Preferred Course PSYC 2301

Fall Semester

ECRD 1211 Electrocardiography Prerequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1310 and MDCA 1313 and MDCA 1409 and MDCA 1417.

HPRS 1202 Wellness and Health Promotion

OR

HPRS 1209 Interpretation of Laboratory Results Preferred Course HPRS 1209

MDCA 1264 Practicum (or Field Experience) - Medical/Clinical Assistant Prerequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1310 and MDCA 1313 and MDCA 1409 and MDCA 1417 and MDCA 1421 and MDCA 1443 and MDCA 1448 and MDCA 1452. Corequisites: ECRD 1211 and MDCA 1370.

MDCA 1370 Procedures in a Clinical Setting II Prerequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1310 and MDCA 1313 and MDCA 1409 and MDCA 1417.

MDCA 1371 Medical Assisting Credentialing Exam Review Prerequisites: MDCA 1305 and MDCA 1310 and MDCA 1313 and MDCA 1409 and MDCA 1417 and MDCA 1421 and MDCA 1443 and MDCA 1448 and MDCA 1452. Corequisites: ECRD 1211 and MDCA 1264 and MDCA 1370.

1 - Humanities or Fine Arts Elective: Complete one course from ARCH 1301, ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, COMM 2366, DANC 2303, DRAM 1310, ENGL 2322, 2323, 2332, 2333, 2341, 2351, HIST 2321, 2322, MUSI 1306, 1310, PHIL 1301, 2303 or 2306,

2 - Mathematics Elective: Complete one course from MATH 1314, 1324, 1332, 1342, 2314, 2412 or 2413.

3 - Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective: PSYC 2301*, 2314 or SPCH 1318.

Upon completion of the AAS Medical Assisting coursework, the graduate is eligible to sit for the Certified Medical Assisting (CMA) Exam offered through the American Association of Medical Assistants Organization (AAMA).

C2-MDCC CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION COURSES

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Students may complete the Associate Degree Courses at any time during or after completion of Medical Assisting Certificate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Official Ranking Dates: **June 2, 2025, and November 3, 2025.**
- Program Begins-**Fall and Spring Semesters.**
- Maximum Students Admitted: **12 Students.**
- Community Wide Orientation online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation>
- HIPAA online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa>

- Health Careers Orientation online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/health-careers-orientation>
- Online additional program-specific and career information: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health>
- 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.
- MDCA website <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/medical-assisting-technology>

POST-ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER Accepting a seat in the program:

- Must file a degree plan with the designated Health Counselor.
 - **Background Check – (fee is required)** Each student must complete a background check prior to enrolling in clinical courses. Background checks are required 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: <http://www.elpasoex.com/>. Only background checks from American Databank are accepted. **You will receive a letter from the Dean of Health Career and Technical Education, Math & Science division to inform you of the status of your background check. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/health care facilities until cleared.**
- ***NOTE:** If a student has not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters, the student must redo the background check at his/her own expense, for further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator.

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 five 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 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. Felonies or two 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 any of the Health Programs.

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

- **Community Wide Orientation** - Conducted online: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation> (must be renewed every year).
- **CPR** - American Heart Association (AHA) CPR/BLS (only Health Provider training accepted) card from AHA. Military Training Network (AHA recognized) cards will be accepted. Hybrid AHA courses with live skills demonstration will be accepted. CPR card must remain current throughout the course of the program (Certification may not be older than two (2) years).
- **First Aid Certification** (8-hour course from **National Safety Council Course ONLY**).
- **Health Care Insurance** (evidence). Mandatory Healthcare insurance is required for students doing clinicals at healthcare facilities.
- **HIPAA Training** - Conducted online: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa> (must be renewed every year).
- **Immunizations and Titers** –The following must be completed:
 - **POSITIVE TITER required for Hepatitis B vaccination series of three and Titer** (can take 4-6 months to complete) or Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B) series of four (4) shots: Days: #0, #7, #21, plus booster after 365 days or disease prior to **TITER**. The series have to be completed prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.
 - **POSITIVE TITER required for each two doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) (completed) and Titer.**
 - **POSITIVE TITER required for each two doses - Varicella Vaccination and Titer** (completed).
 - **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (TDAP) vaccine** (completed, expires after 10 years).
 - **Tuberculosis (TB) screening is required annually.** NOTE: If the TB skin is used. **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. You may use either one of the following screenings:**
 1. **QuantIFERON (Q Gold) test** OR

2. Tuberculosis (TB) skin test.

- A. Individuals that will be using the TB skin test who have previously tested negative, have never tested, or are not 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 TB skin test is negative, the second 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 the second TST. Individual needs Chest X-ray and annual TB Assessment/Clearance (or equivalent document) from Health Care Provider.

NOTE: TB Skin Test that is Positive (previously). Requires completed Annual TB Assessment/Clearance form.

- **Influenza vaccine is required** (done annually).
- **Meningitis 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 the 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).

NOTE: If you have had the vaccination at an earlier date, you may start with a Titer, as the result will indicate if you need the vaccine. If you have not had the vaccination and after vaccination is applied, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.

- **COVID-19 may be requested.**

Visit Admission and Registration EPCC web page for additional information: **Website:** <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/immunization-law>

A tracking system, **COMPLIO**, will assist students and coordinators alike to be compliant with immunizations, CPR, First Aid, physical, etc. All students participating in health programs must be part of the American Databank, in order to keep their clinical data in compliance and updated. **If you have any questions contact Norma Ornelas, Program Coordinator at: nornelas@epcc.edu**

COMPLIO Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Documents/Background Check Substance Abuse Testing.pdf>
Follow the example below when inputting your Program required documents; students can find this information under the "Requirement Explanation" button.

The screenshot shows the DataBank interface for a student named 'Immunization/Compliance' (Medical Imaging Tech Student). The overall compliance status is 'Not Compliant' (13/14 Compliant). A red box highlights the 'Requirement Explanation' button. Below this, there is a table of required compliance categories. The 'MMR' category is marked as 'Approved'. The 'Measles Titer' category is marked as 'Meets Requirements' and has a submitted date of 1/25/2021. Below the table, there are fields for 'Submitted Data', 'Submitted Comments', and 'Administrator's Comments'. The 'Submitted Data' field shows 'Document: 1 document(s)' and 'Date: 11/18/2020'. The footer of the interface includes 'Copyright © 2021 ADB', 'Privacy Policy', 'Contact Us', and 'video'.

- **Liability Insurance** (Professional Practice Insurance) is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This fee is paid during the time of enrollment. The instructor may ask for proof of payment (your registration receipt) on the first day of class.
- **Physical Examination** (current) completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant licensed in the United States (Not older than one year). **Website:** [FFAA-1.pdf \(epcc.edu\)](#)
- **Physical Technical Standards Form** (completed):
<https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/FB-8.pdf>
- **Program Orientation.**
- **Specialized Equipment and/or Lab Supplies** must be purchased at the student's expense in accordance with course syllabi. The program coordinator will provide detailed information.
- **Substance Abuse Screening** will be required for each student enrolling in health career programs with clinical components. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the program coordinator. *****NOTE: Students must re-take and pay for substance abuse test if test was taken three months prior to the first clinical education course. Website: <http://www.elpasoex.com/>**

- **Textbooks** and other course materials must be purchased at the student's expense in accordance with course syllabi.
- **Transportation:** Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites.
- **Uniforms:** In accordance with course syllabi, students must purchase their own uniforms. The program coordinator will provide students with detailed information.

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 915-831-7820 for more information.
- Our EPCC Rio Grande Border Health Clinic is located at the Rio Grande Campus, for information call: 915- 831-4016 or call 915-831-4017 for Dental, Medical Sonography, Echocardiogram or Physical Therapy clinics.

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