

Allied Health

Community and Technical College

Allied Health (<https://www.ctc.uaf.edu/academics/allied-health/>)
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Department Overview

The allied health program at the UAF Community & Technical College (<https://www.ctc.uaf.edu/>) offers a wide variety of education and training for careers in the fast-growing healthcare industry. Some programs can be completed in one semester, allowing students to obtain entry-level positions. Other programs will take more time and provide the student with the credentials to move into higher-paying careers in health care. All programs include classroom learning and hands-on experience to ensure students receive a well-rounded education. Many programs have a practicum experience in a medical office, dental office, laboratory, or hospital. Allied health faculty work closely with students to match their career goals to education pathways.

Learn more about the Allied Health (<https://www.ctc.uaf.edu/academics/allied-health/>) program, including an overview of the program, career opportunities, and more.

A.A.S., Dental Assistant

The dental assistant certificate and A.A.S. degree programs prepare students to become skilled members of the dental health care team. The duties of the dental assistant are among the most comprehensive and varied in the dental office. Upon completion of the course work, students graduate with either an A.A.S. or certificate in dental assisting and are eligible to take the National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) examination. Prerequisites are graduation from high school or equivalent (GED) and completion of a dental assisting application form.

Minimum Requirements for Dental Assistant Associate Degree: 60 credits

Each state has its own unique requirements for licensure or certification. If seeking a professional license or certificate in a state other than Alaska, please see the state listings on this page (<https://www.uaf.edu/provost/uaf-state-authorization/licensure.php>).

A.A.S., Medical Assistant

The Associate of Applied Science degree in medical assisting is a degree completion program designed to provide students the opportunity to build upon the foundation of skills and knowledge developed at the certificate level through the completion of additional allied health and general education coursework. Students can complete the medical assistant A.A.S. in four semesters.

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O.E.C., Dental Assistant

The dental assistant occupational endorsement program prepares students for employment as entry-level dental assistants in a general practice dental office. The program covers the dental assisting skills, administrative

procedures, professional practices, communication and human relations skills required to assist dental healthcare providers and be a valued dental team member. Students will learn to perform clinical chairside skills, utilize dental materials in chairside and laboratory settings and capture dental radiographs. The program emphasizes infection control procedures, protocols and safety of hazardous materials throughout the program.

Minimum Requirements for Dental Assistant Occupational Endorsement: 16 credits

O.E.C., Medical Assisting

The occupational endorsement program in medical assisting prepares students for employment as entry-level medical assistants in a general medical clinic. The program covers the medical assisting skills, administrative procedures, professional practices, communication and human relations skills required to assist healthcare providers and be a valued healthcare team member. Students will learn to perform administrative and clinical competencies required in a medical office setting.

Minimum Requirements for Medical Assisting Occupational Endorsement: 17 credits

O.E.C., Medical Coding

The occupational endorsement in medical coding prepares students for employment in medical offices, clinics, hospitals and other medical facilities. Students in the program learn the analysis of medical records and the assigning of codes for indexing diagnoses and procedures to provide information for reimbursement purposes.

Minimum Requirements for Medical Coding Occupational Endorsements: 15 credits

O.E.C., Nurse Aide

The nurse aide occupational endorsement provides education and training to students in theory and basic nursing skills necessary to become efficient and productive health care team members. Students who successfully complete the program will be prepared to sit for the national nurse aide examination for certification.

Minimum Requirements for Nurse Aide Occupational Endorsement: 9 credits

Certificate, Dental Assistant

The Dental Assistant Certificate program prepares students to become skilled members of the dental health care team. The duties of the dental assistant are among the most comprehensive and varied in the dental office. Upon completion of the coursework, students graduate with a certificate in dental assisting and are eligible to take the National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) examination.

Minimum Requirements for Dental Assistant Certificate: 30 credits

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Certificate, Health Care Reimbursement

The health care reimbursement certificate program prepares students for employment as medical billers and coders in medical offices, clinics, hospitals and other medical facilities. Students in the program learn analysis of medical records and the assigning of codes for indexing diagnoses and procedures to provide information for reimbursement purposes. The

occupational endorsements in medical billing and medical coding are part of the Health Care Reimbursement Certificate.

Minimum Requirements for Health Care Reimbursement Certificate: 30 credits

Certificate, Licensed Practical Nurse

The Licensed Practical Nurse program will prepare students to work in healthcare facilities under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. The curriculum consists of three categories: lecture, skills and clinical hours (hours in a healthcare facility). The combination of the three will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the role and scope of practice of a professional LPN. This includes the knowledge, skills and hands-on practice in a healthcare facility necessary for a student to not only gain the knowledge and skills needed but the practice required to become an effective member of the healthcare team. Upon successful completion of the program, the LPN graduates will be prepared to pass the NCLEX-PN.

Recommended courses that prepare students for success in the LPN program include HLTH F100, HLTH F110, HLTH F203 and HLTH F208.

Minimum Requirements for Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate: 31 credits

Certificate, Medical Assistant

The medical assistant certificate program prepares students for employment in ambulatory care settings. Students receive education in the theory and skills for office work and clinical care. Prerequisites for the program include a high school diploma or GED and completion of the medical assistant application.

The UAF Community and Technical College medical assistant certificate is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB), CAAHEP, 9355 113th N., #7709, Seminole, FL 33775. The medical assistant certificate incorporates both the medical office reception occupational endorsement and the medical/dental reception certificate.

Minimum Requirements for Medical Assistant Certificate: 36 credits

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Certificate, Pre-Nursing Qualifications

The Allied Health certificate in pre-nursing qualifications is designed to guide students preparing to apply to the University of Alaska Anchorage Bachelor of Science and A.A.S. in nursing. The certificate includes the prerequisite and co-requisite courses for the B.S.N. and A.A.S. in nursing. Admission to this certificate program requires a high school diploma or GED and test scores sufficient for placement into WRTG F111X and MATH F105.

Admission to the UAA School of Nursing program is competitive. While this certificate prepares the student to be highly qualified, it does not guarantee admission to the UAA SON. Before applying to UAA and UAA SON, students must complete a pre-admission nursing exam and are strongly encouraged to work in a clinical practice. Students should work closely with an advisor while completing this certificate to help prepare for admission to UAA SON.

Minimum Requirements for Pre-Nursing Qualifications Certificate: 33 credits

Programs

Degrees

- A.A.S., Dental Assistant (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/associates/dental-assistant/>)
- A.A.S., Medical Assistant (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/associates/medical-assistant/>)

Occupational Endorsements

- O.E.C., Dental Assistant (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/dental-assistant/>)
- O.E.C., Medical Assisting (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/medical-assisting/>)
- O.E.C., Medical Billing (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/medical-billing/>) (Admission to this program has been suspended.)
- O.E.C., Medical Coding (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/medical-coding/>)
- O.E.C., Medical Office Reception (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/medical-office-reception/>) (Admission to this program has been suspended.)
- O.E.C., Medical Scribe (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/medical-scribe/>) (Admission to this program has been suspended.)
- O.E.C., Nurse Aide (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/nurse-aide/>)

Certificates

- Certificate, Dental Assistant (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/dental-assistant/>)
- Certificate, Health Care Reimbursement (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/health-care-reimbursement/>)
- Certificate, Licensed Practical Nurse (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/licensed-practical-nurse/>)
- Certificate, Medical Assistant (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/medical-assistant/>)
- Certificate, Medical/Dental Reception (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/medical-dental-reception/>) (Admission to this program has been suspended.)
- Certificate, Medical Scribe Specialist (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/medical-scribe-specialist/>) (Admission to this program has been suspended.)
- Certificate, Pre-Nursing Qualifications (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/pre-nursing-qualifications/>)