

Medical Assistants Pathways for Certification/Recognition to Assist with CPOE⁴

AAMA American Association of Medical Assistants		AMT American Medical Technologists		NHA National Healthcareer Association		NCCT National Center for Competency Testing	
Not-for-profit		Not-for-profit		For-profit		For-profit	
Certification	Recognition	Certification		Certification		Certification	
<u>CMA</u> Certified Medical Assistant	<u>ABR - Order Entry</u> Assessment Based Recognition	<u>RMA</u> Registered Medical Assistant		<u>CCMA</u> Certified Clinical Medical Assistant		<u>NCMA</u> National Certified Medical Assistant	
PREREQUISITES FOR CERTIFICATION EXAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a postsecondary, accredited¹ medical assisting program including a minimum 160 hours' practicum. 	PREREQUISITES FOR RECOGNITION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current supervising licensed health care provider must give statements of verification on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicant's knowledge ○ Employment for at least 2 of 3 years with CURRENT supervising licensed health care provider. ○ Supervising health care provider's current credentials and licensure. • Complete 5 on-line Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Courses • File application to become recognized. <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">***As of January 1, 2017, credentialed medical assistants (in addition to licensed health care professionals) are permitted to enter medication, laboratory, and diagnostic imaging orders into the electronic health record (EHR) and have such entry count toward meeting the meaningful use thresholds under only the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.</p>	PREREQUISITES FOR CERTIFICATION EXAM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete an accredited¹ medical assisting program within last 4 years, or 2. A medical assistant program in a postsecondary school or college², including a minimum of 720 clock-hours (or equivalent) of training in medical assisting skills (including a clinical externship of no less than 160 hours in duration) within last four years, or 3. A formal medical services training program of the United States Armed Forces within last four years, or 4. Have been employed in the profession of medical assisting for a minimum of 5 years within the last 7 years, 2 years of which may have been as an instructor in the postsecondary medical assistant program, or 5. Currently instructing in an accredited medical assisting program, and have completed a course of instruction in a healthcare discipline related to medical assisting, and have a minimum of five years of full-time teaching experience in a medical assisting or 6. Passed a generalist medical assistant certification examination offered by another approved³ medical assisting certification agency and have been working in the medical assisting field for the past three out of five years and who has met all other AMT training and experience requirements. 		PREREQUISITES FOR CERTIFICATION EXAM <p>Applicants must be at least 18 and have a high school diploma (or equivalent), and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of a training program in Clinical Medical Assistant within the last 5 years; or 2. One year of medical assisting employment, and employment as a medical assistant within the last 3 years. 		PREREQUISITES FOR CERTIFICATION EXAM <p>Applicants must have a high school diploma (or equivalent), and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Student in a Medical Assistant program from an NCCT (authorized) school; or 2. Graduated from a Medical Assistant program from an NCCT (authorized) school, within the past 5 years; or 3. Two years of verifiable full-time experience as a Medical Assistant practitioner within the past 5 years; or 4. Completion of Medical Assistant training or its equivalent during U.S. Military service within the past 5 years. 	
RE-CERTIFICATION 5 YEARS (60 CE hrs or exam)	RE-RECOGNITION 2 YEARS & \$50 FEE	RE-CERTIFICATION 3 YEARS(random audit CE activity) & \$50		RE-CERTIFICATION 2 YEARS (10 CE hrs) \$169 and up		RE-CERTIFICATION 1 YEAR (14 CE hrs) \$77 Fee	

¹Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES).

²The secondary school or college must have institutional accreditation by a regional accrediting commission or by a national accrediting organization approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

³The testing agency must be approved by the American Medical Technologist (AMT) Board of Directors.

⁴CPOE – Computerized Physician Order Entry.