Clinical Medical Assistants work in a variety of healthcare settings under the supervision of a licensed physician. Medical assistants with a clinical background perform various clinical tasks including assisting with the administration of medications and with minor procedures, performing an EKG electrocardiogram, obtaining laboratory specimens for testing, educating patients, and other related tasks.

**Job Outlook:**
Medical assistant is among the fastest growing occupations, as noted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showing a 23% growth rate of employment from 2014-2024.
**Program:**

This program includes 140 hours of classroom theory and hands on labs and a 160-hour clinical externship at a local healthcare provider. The classroom instruction consists of lectures, group activities, discussions and exams, and the lab provides an opportunity for students to learn, practice and demonstrate medical assistant skills. The externship allows students to apply the skills they have learned in a real-world healthcare setting.

The program will cover the following key areas and topics:

- Responsibilities of the clinical medical assistant and introduction to healthcare facilities
- Preparing patients for examination and treatment, routine procedures and diagnostic testing
- Effective verbal and non-verbal communication, interpersonal skills and human behavior
- HIPAA, patient confidentiality, legal aspects of healthcare and regulatory patient care issues
- Recording and taking of vital signs, blood pressure, and other patient care items related to the physician office visit
- Review and administration of medications, allergies and other pharmacology related items
- Laboratory procedures, phlebotomy and the proper techniques required to collect specimens for laboratory analysis
- Cardiology and the proper placement of leads when taking a 12 lead EKG
- And more

**Fee:**

Full course fee is only $2,599, compared to $15,000 at other institutions. Enrollment fee must be paid in full prior to the start of the program and includes all textbooks.

**Schedule:**

**Fall classes begin October 2, 2018**

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 9:30 p.m. (Oct 2, 2018 to Jan 24, 2019)
- Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Oct 13, Oct 27, Nov 10, Dec 1, January 5, and January 19)

No classes November 22, December 17th thru December 28, 2018 and January 1, 2019.

**Location:**

Edinboro University’s Porreco College

After completing the Clinical Medical Assistant Program, students will be eligible to take the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) national examination.

**How do I register?**

All applicants must register with the Edinboro University Department of Continuing Education in person, by phone or online at:

**Edinboro University’s Porreco College**

2951 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
(814) 836-1955
[www.edinboro.edu/continuingeducationstore](http://www.edinboro.edu/continuingeducationstore)

For more information, contact Beth Zewe at zewe@edinboro.edu or (814) 732-1420.