

31-509-1 Medical Assistant

2026-27 Required Courses

Northwood Technical College

New Richmond, Superior - Fall Start (August 2026) Ashland, Rice Lake - Spring Start (January 2027)

Combination of On Site and Online instruction

Course Prerequisite: Must be completed prior to second semester/term

- BLS Basic Life Support & First Aid (Medic or Heartsaver)

Catalog Number	Course Title	*Hours per Week	Credits	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist Technical Diploma 30-509-2	Medical Assistant Technical Diploma (Financial Aid Eligible)
	First Term						
10501101	Medical Terminology	3 hours per week	3 credits	48 lecture hours	0 Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist	Medical Assistant
31501307	Digital Literacy for Healthcare	4 hours per week	2 credits	64 lecture hours	0 Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist	Medical Assistant
32801361	Applied Communications	4 hours per week	2 credits	64 lecture hours	0 Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist	Medical Assistant
	Medical Assistant Administrative Procedures Prerequisite: Declared Medical Assistant program (31-509-1) or Patient Services Specialist Program (30-509-2) and Corequisites: 31501107 Digital Literacy for Healthcare, 10501101 Medical Terminology, 31509302 Human Body in Health and Disease, 31509303 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 1, and 31509304 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 1	4 hours per week	2 credits	32 lecture hours	32 Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist	Medical Assistant
31509302	Human Body in Health and Disease Corequisite: 10501101 Medical Terminology	6 hours per week	3 credits	96 lecture hours	0 Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist	Medical Assistant
	Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 1 Prerequisite: Admission to Medical Assistant program and Corequisites: 31501107 Digital Literacy for Healthcare, 10501101 Medical Terminology, 31509302 Human Body in Health and Disease, 31509301 Medical Assistant Administrative Procedures, and 31509304 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 1	4 hours per week	2 credits	32 lecture hours	32 Lab Hours		Medical Assistant
31509304	Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 1 Prerequisite: Admission into the Medical Assistant program and Corequisites: 31501107 Digital Literacy for Healthcare, 10501101 Medical Terminology, 31509302 Human Body in Health and Disease, 31509301 Medical Assistant Administrative Procedures, 31509303 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 1	8 hours per week	4 credits	64 lecture hours	64 Lab Hours		Medical Assistant
	First Term Total	33 hours per week				12 Credits Patient Service Specialist	18 Credits Medical Assistant



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	Second Term						
	Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 2 Prerequisite: 10501101 Medical Terminology, 31509302 Human Body in Health and Disease, and 31509303 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 1, and 31509304 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 1, and Corequisites: 31509306 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 2, 31509307 Medical Office Insurance and Finance, and 31509308 Pharmacology for Allied Health	4 hours per week	2 credits	32 lecture hours	32 Lab Hours		Medical Assistant
	Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 2 Prerequisites: 10501101 Medical Terminology, 31509302 Human Body in Health & Disease, 31509303 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 1, and 31509304 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 1 and Corequisites: 31509305 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 2, 31509307 Medical Office Insurance and Finance, and 31509308 Pharmacology for Allied Health	6 hours per week	3 credits	64 lecture hours	32 Lab Hours		Medical Assistant
	Medical Office Insurance and Finance Prerequisites: 10501101 Medical Terminology, 31509302 Human Body in Health and Disease, 31509303 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 1, and 31509304 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 1 and Corequisites: 31501107 Digital Literacy for Healthcare, 31509305 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 2, 31509306 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 2, 31509308 Pharmacology for Allied Health	4 hours per week	2 credits	0 lecture hours	64 Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist	Medical Assistant
	Pharmacology for Allied Health Prerequisite: 10501101 Medical Terminology, 30509302 Human Body in Health and Disease, 31509303 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 1, and 31509304 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 1 and Corequisites: 31509305 Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures 2, 31509306 Medical Assistant Clinical Procedures 2, 31509307 Medical Office Insurance and Finance	4 hours per week	2 credits	64 lecture hours	0 Lab Hours		Medical Assistant
31509309	Medical Law, Ethics and Professionalism	4 hours per week	2 credits	64 lecture hours	0 Lab Hours	Patient Service Specialist	Medical Assistant
	Medical Assistant Practicum Prerequisites: Current BLS Basic Life Support and first aid, successful completion or standing in all other program courses, approval of program faculty, compliance with Wisconsin Caregiver Law, and program Health Requirements are met.	12 hours per week	3 credits	0 lecture hours	192 Lab Hours		Medical Assistant
	Second Term Total	34 hours per week				4 Credits Patient Service Specialist	14 Credits Medical Assistant
	Total Credits					16 Credits Patient Service Specialist	32 Credits Medical Assistant



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*Hours per week represents periods of instruction and/or work-based learning hours per week (class hours). Additional time may be required outside of class to complete assignments. For more details on what you can expect outside of class, please see the "Expectations Outside of the Classroom" section of the Student Handbook.

Graduation Requirements: Although your academic advisor can provide guidance, you are ultimately responsible for selecting courses that meet a program's graduation requirements.

All required courses must be successfully completed prior to starting 31509310, Medical Assistant Practicum.

Grades: A program plan GPA of 2.0 in a 4.0 grade system is required graduate. A grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better is needed in all required courses. Students must also successfully pass all required course competencies. For specific program course requirements, see individual course syllabi. Failure to achieve a "C" in a course, failure to achieve the exam score as specified in the individual course syllabi or failure to pass all required course competencies will delay advancement in the program until an acceptable grade is achieved. Program courses may only be repeated once. If a course needs to be repeated, please contact your advisor before registering. This includes taking a similar course at another college.

See the current Medical Assistant Student Handbook for more specifics on grade and test requirements.

Please be advised that low-enrollment class sections may be canceled. You will be contacted by Student Services with information on other class sections available in alternate formats.

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