

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
MEDICAL ASSISTANT  
STUDENT POLICIES

**AAMA CMA EXAM**

The Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) (AAMA) certification is considered the gold standard of medical assisting professionalism. This credential represents a medical assistant who has been certified by the Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). The CMA (AAMA) means a professional edge, increased prestige among peers and employers, better job security, and greater career advancement opportunities.

The National Board of Medical Examiners—responsible for many national examinations for physicians—serves as test consultant for the examination. As a result, the reliability, validity, and security of the examination are of the highest order.

A greater number of employers are preferring (or even insisting) that their medical assistants be CMAs (AAMA). The AAMA staff receives 100 or more requests per day to verify that current or potential medical assistant employees are CMAs (AAMA).

**Certification**

Upon successful completion of all coursework and the practicum, all students are eligible to apply for the Certified Medical Assistant examination as offered by the American Association of Medical Assistants. It is strongly encouraged that all program students complete the application process required to sit for the AAMA exam. This application is due approximately 90 days prior to graduation to be allowed to take the exam shortly after graduation. It is the student's responsibility to pursue application of this examination process.

Certification examination fees are solely the responsibility of the student. Reimbursement arrangements will not be made through Northwood Tech.