

# MEDICAL ASSISTING 2022 ADMISSION CRITERIA AAS

**Beginning April 4, 2022**, A-B Tech will be accepting applications for the Fall 2022 Medical Assisting program. All requirements must be met to be added to the program's eligibility list.

## Admission Requirements

- To be considered eligible for the Medical Assisting program, students must:
- Have applied to or attended A-B Tech within the past year. Apply online at: [abtech.edu/apply](https://abtech.edu/apply)
- Meet New Student Orientation requirements: [abtech.edu/nso](https://abtech.edu/nso)
- Demonstrate college placement in English and math. Visit [abtech.edu/placement](https://abtech.edu/placement) for more information.
- Meet with a Student Advisor to document eligibility and apply for the 2022 program. Students may come into the Bailey building anytime Monday through Thursday from 9am until 6pm and on Friday from 9am until 5pm for in-person services or [schedule a virtual student advising appointment](#) instead.
- Questions? Contact our Student Advising Team at [advising@abtech.edu](mailto:advising@abtech.edu) for assistance.

## **Please Note**

- Medical Assisting students are encouraged to complete Moodle Online Orientation prior to program start to encourage success in 100% online classes.
- Students must complete a background check and drug screening through college's third party vendor.
  - Directions for this process will be provided by the program upon acceptance.
  - As of January 1, 2002, applicants for the American Association of Medical Assisting Certification must have a criminal background check.
  - Do NOT obtain these from another source; they will not be accepted.
- Students will be required to meet the safety standard for health care workers exposed to blood-borne pathogens. Meeting this standard includes attending the program training session offered in MED 138 or MED 140 and completing the **HBV immunizations** or signing the mandatory declination form. Failure to be properly immunized could result in exclusion from the externship component of the curriculum and non-completion of the program.
- Medical Assisting students must have the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective abilities needed to perform all activities as outlined in the **2015 Standards and Guidelines for Medical Assisting Educational Programs**. These abilities include, but are not limited to:
  1. the **visual acuity** to identify cyanosis and absence of respiratory movement in a patient in an emergency situation
  2. the **hearing ability** to understand the spoken word while using medical equipment
  3. the **speaking ability** to be able to question the patient about his/her condition and to be able to relay information verbally to others

4. the **physical ability** to perform procedures related to patient care
5. the **ability to interact** with patients and others appropriately.

**More information about the Medical Assisting program can be found on the [program's webpage.](#)**