



Department of Allied Health  
Course Syllabus  
**MA144 Administrative Procedures for the Medical Assistant**  
**6 Credits Fall 2017**

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**Class Location:** UAF Community and Technical College  
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**Class Dates:** 8/24/17 through 12/14/17  
**Class Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm – 9:00pm

**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Course Description:** This is an in-depth examination of the administrative medical assistant office duties to include: reception, telephone procedures, public relations, professionalism, medical practice and financial management in the health care setting, written communications, paper and EHR, HIPAA, and billing and coding procedures. This course emphasizes the importance of accuracy and attention to detail, not only in documentation, but in all areas of medical assisting practice.

**Course Methodology:** Course instruction may include lecture, audio visual presentations, class work, quizzes, homework, small group activities, games, tests, demonstration, hands on computer skills with electronic medical records charting, and practice and instructor sign off on procedures in classroom.

**Course Goals:**

All students must successfully complete 100% of the MAERB core curriculum procedures. A minimum of 85% is required on each of the procedures in order for the students to pass the course. Students will document the Administrative competencies on the Procedure forms found in the Student Workbook. Procedures will be observed, assessed and verified by an instructor and kept in the individual student file.

**Text:** Booth, Whicker and Wyman (2017) Medical Assisting, Administrative and Clinical Procedures with Anatomy and Physiology (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)

**Student Learning Objectives:** Students will be able to:

1. Recognize duties, role and professional responsibilities of the medical assistant
2. Discuss their scope of practice and compare their role with other member of the healthcare team
3. Describe the various National Medical Assisting Certifying agencies
4. Explain the professional behaviors that should be exhibited by medical assistants and identify strategies to be successful as a MA student and professional
5. Identify elements and types of communication including but not limited to positive and negative communication
6. Model ways to improve listening, interpersonal skills and assertiveness skills with patients, co-workers including supervisors/providers
7. Carry out therapeutic communication skills with all patients including those in special circumstances
8. Differentiate between law and ethics
9. Identify the responsibilities of the patient and physician in a physician-patient contract, including the components for informed consent that must be understood by the patient
10. Describe the four Ds of negligence required to prove malpractice and explain the four Cs of malpractice prevention
11. Relate the term credentialing and explain the importance of the FCA and DEA to administrative procedures performed by medical assistants
12. Summarize the purpose of the following federal healthcare regulations HCQIA, False Claims Act, OSHA and HIPAA
13. Identify the six principles for preventing improper release of information from the medical office
14. Discuss the importance of ethics in the medical office
15. Explain the differences among the practice management models.
16. Identify common types of computers, the hardware components, explain their function and outline the basic care and maintenance required for office computer system.
17. Describe the types of software applications commonly used in healthcare offices.
18. Recall the steps involved in selecting new or upgrading existing office computer equipment including options available for learning the new software programs.
19. Describe the layout and features of a typical examination room and the importance of lighting, temperature and ventilation of the exam room
20. List the steps to prevent spread of infection

21. List the variety of documents used to communicate to other team members using written or electronic health care records
22. Outline the general guidelines to effective writing including the tasks involved in editing and proofreading a document
23. Identify the documents that constitute a patient medical record and the importance of that patient medical record
24. Compare SOMR, POMR, SOAP, and CHEDDAR medical record formats and the six Cs of charting.
25. Discuss the pros and cons of electronic health records (EHR)
26. Illustrate the steps in creating a new patient record and correcting an existing record using EHR software
27. Outline the security and safety measures that should be employed when working with all types of medical records
28. Contrast the methods used for various filing systems and how to set up a records retention program for the office, including active, inactive and closed files
29. Identify the benefits of patient education, the medical assistant role in providing education and the options available for providing education.
30. Explain the purpose of the telecommunication equipment commonly found in the medical office including effective communication in all patient/client interaction in person and when

**GRADING:** Your final grade in this class will be based on the total points accumulated and using the following percentages.

Letter grades will be assigned as follows: (You must make a C or higher to pass this class)

Attendance/Participation:	10%	A=90%-100%
Quizzes:	20%	B=80%-89%
Project:	20%	C=70%-79%
Competencies/Homework	30%	D=60%-69%
Final	20%	F=59% and lower

**Attendance/Participation:** I cannot stress enough about the importance of attending and participating in discussions, competencies, and classroom assignments. It is important that you are present in order to understand and interact in all aspects of the class. Professionalism involves **demonstrating** behaviors and attitudes important in the medical workplace and participation involves **actively** responding to the classroom activities and assisting in creating a positive environment. Therefore, **10%** of your grade will consist of attendance and participation. Arriving late, not coming prepared, and leaving early is disruptive to the rest of the class and displays unprofessional behavior. Attendance/participation points are worth **10%** of your final grade.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given as designated on the syllabus. The quizzes will constitute **20%** of your grade.

**Project:** You will be assigned an individual project of writing a Policy and Procedure Manual for a fictitious medical office. More details will be provided in a separate document. Deadline for this project is noted in the syllabus and is worth **20%** of your grade.

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**Title IX:** The University of Alaska Board Of Regents has clearly stated in BOR Policy that discrimination, harassment, and violence will not be tolerated on any campus of the University of Alaska. If you believe you are experiencing discrimination or any form of harassment including sexual harassment/misconduct/assault, you are encourage to report that behavior. If you report to a faculty member or any university employee, they must notify the UAF Title IX Coordinator about the basic facts of the incident. Your choices for report include:

- 1.) Access confidential counseling by contacting the UAF Health & Counseling Center at 474-7721;
- 2.) Access support and file a Title IX report by contacting the UAF Title IX Coordinator at 474-6600;
- 3.) File a criminal complaint by contacting the University Police Department at 474-7721

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**Fall 2017**  
**Class content and Homework Schedule**  
**Tuesday and Thursday**  
5:30 to 9:00

Date	Class Work	Class Preparation
	Lecture: Chapter 1 Introduction to Medical Assisting Lecture: Chapter 2 Healthcare and the Healthcare Team	Prior to Class:  In-Class
	Lecture: Chapter 3 Professionalism and Success  Discuss, Practice and Evaluate Procedures  Procedure 3-1 Self-Evaluation of Professional Behaviors WP XI.P.2	Prior to Class:    In-Class

		<p>7-3 Creating a Pediatric Reception Area  7-4 Creating a Reception Area Accessible to Patients with Special Needs  7-5 Opening and Closing the Medical Office</p>
	<p>Lecture: Ch. 7 Safety and Patient Reception  Lecture: Ch. 8 Office Equipment and Supplies</p> <p>Discuss, Practice and Evaluate Procedures: 7-1 through 7-5  7-1 Handling a Fire Emergency  7-2 Maintaining and Using an Eyewash Station  7-3 Creating a Pediatric Reception Area  7-4 Creating a Reception Area Accessible to Patients with Special Needs  7-5 Opening and Closing the Medical Office  WP XII.P.1  WP XII.P.5</p>	<hr/> <p><u>In Class:</u>  Chapter 8 Student Workbook</p> <p>8-1 Using a Facsimile Machine  8-2 Using a Photocopier Machine  8-3 Using a Postage meter  8-4 using a Check- Writing Machine  8-5 Step by step Overview of Inventory</p> <p>Review for test</p>
	<p>Quiz: on Chapter 4, 5, 7 &amp; 8</p> <p>Discuss, Practice and Evaluate Procedures: 8-1 through 8-5  8-1 Using a Facsimile Machine  8-2 Using a Photocopier Machine  8-3 Using a Postage meter  8-4 using a Check- Writing Machine  8-5 Step by step Overview of Inventory</p>	<p>Prior to Class:</p>

		10-2 Writing an Interoffice Memo 10-3 Composing a Professional E-mail Message 10-4 Composing an Electronic Patient Letter 105- Sorting and Opening Mail
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Review Policy and Procedure Manual Project  
AAMA/CMA Today article on Policy and Procedure Manual.  
Video: "If we could see inside other people's Hearts."





	Watch movie: "Rainmaker"	
	Lecture on Ch. 18 Diagnostic Coding Review Ch. 18 homework Discuss, Practice and Evaluate Procedures 18-1 18-1 Locating an ICD-10-CM Code	

Discuss, Practice and Evaluate Procedures 18-2 thru 18-3  
18-2 Locating a Health Status (Z) Code  
18-3 Locating an External Cause Code

Codes Into an EHR Program

	<p>Procedure 20-4 Processing a Payment Resulting in a Credit Balance</p>	
	<p>Discuss, Practice and Evaluate Procedures 20-5 thru 20-8</p> <p>Procedure 20-5 Processing Refunds to Patients  Procedure 20-6 Preparing an Age Analysis  Procedure 20-7 Referring an Account to a Collection Agency and Posting the Payment from the Agency  Procedure 20-8 Completing a Truth in Lending Statement (Agreement)</p> <p>Discuss, Practice and Evaluate Procedures 20-9 thru 20-11</p> <p>Procedure 20-9 Making a Bank Deposit  Procedure 20-10 Reconciling the Bank Statement  Procedure 20-11 Setting Up the Disbursements Journal  Lecture on Ch. 56 Practice Management  Review Homework</p>	