



Medical Assisting Program

Technical Standards and Working Environment Safety & Risks (approved 8/3/2023)

Technical standards are requirements for participation in the medical assisting program. Technical standards include physical, cognitive, and behavioral standards required for satisfactory completion of all aspects of the curriculum interesting in the medical

standards and decide

if he or she has any limitations that may restrict or interfere with the satisfactory performance of any of these requirements. Any applicant can consult with the program director to discuss individual situations that may prohibit the applicant from meeting any of these technical standards. Any students can consult CSI Student Accessibility Services at 208 732 6260.

The Medical Assistant utilizes their ability to apply scientific knowledge and theory to perform within their profession. Therefore all applicants should possess the following Essential Technical Standards including but not limited to:

Walking/Running	Walking within office to aid in patient care. Emergency situations may require the ability run.
Twisting, Stooping, Squatting, and Bending	All may be needed to provide patient care in a varied situations.
Climbing Stairs, Lifting, Prolonged Standing, Pushing, and Pulling	Using stairs may be necessary. Lifting up to 50 pounds (equipment and patients) Average time spent standing during a workday 75%. Pushing up to 200 pounds (wheelchair patient)
Fine motor dexterity	Grasp with both hands, manipulate equipment and supplies to provide safe patient care.
Tactile sensation	Palpate pulses, muscle contractions, bony landmarks, and edema. Differentiate between temperature variations.
Visual acuity	Adequate visual acuity to provide various tasks and observations necessary for patient care. Ability to read numbers and letters on instruments, equipment, or computers. Ability to discriminate shapes and color to identify changes in reagents or other materials needed for patient care. (with or without corrective lenses)

Auditory acuity

Adequate to receive verbal communication from patients, care givers, and team members in person or over the phone. Ability to auscultate body sounds to report for patient care. Ability to hear alarms, pagers, and paging systems within the medical setting.