



Clinical Medical Assistant Executive Summary

HarperRand



Overview

The after-school Clinical Medical Assistant Program provides students with the knowledge and skills required to qualify for an entry level position in a hospital, doctor's office, clinic or other healthcare facility. The program aligns with the California Career Technical Education (CTE) Industry Sector of Science Health and Medical Technology. Students in the program will complete 160 hours of hands-on classroom instruction followed by a clinical externship consisting of an additional 160 hours in a local hospital or healthcare facility. Students who successfully complete the program receive national certification through the National Healthcareer Association.

Funding

With a class size up to 30 students, the cost per program for the first three years is \$66,000 per year or \$2,200 per student.

Employment Outlook

Medical assistants are in high demand. The ten-year national workforce is projected to grow 6.5%, but medical assistants are expected to see a growth of 23.5% over the same period (Source – The Bureau of Labor Statistics). In California, the starting wage for medical assistants is approximately \$17.00 per hour.

Community Partners

The program is supported through relationships with key healthcare organizations including Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, LabCorp, county healthcare facilities and local doctor's offices.

Schedule

Program schedules are flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of the school and students. Classes typically run from September through May and meet 3 days per week for 2 hours.

Outcomes

The inaugural medical assisting class included 26 students (13 seniors and 13 juniors). All 26 students passed the national certification examination. Of the 13 graduating seniors, 6 matriculated to a 4-year college and 4 matriculated to a 2-year college. Five students were also accepted into nursing programs right out of high school.

About HarperRand

Founded in 2013, HarperRand administers allied health Career Technical Education programs through CalRegional, a consortium of adult schools, community colleges and high schools throughout California. Current program offerings include Clinical Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Pharmacy Technician and Emergency Medical Technician. HarperRand is well known in the public education community. Its founder, David Wignall, has provided educational services to public and private institutions for over 30 years. In September 2017, at the request of the Vallejo Unified School District, HarperRand launched the first after school clinical medical assistant program at Vallejo and Jesse Bethel High Schools. In 2018, HarperRand launched the first Emergency Medical Technician program at Saint Helena High School.