

Medical Assistant Advisory Committee
March 3, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting 1pm

ATTENDANCE

Kathy Cook, Carle on Windsor & DACC Graduate; Terri Cummings, DACC; Ashley Hargrove, DACC; Rose Holycross, Ascension Medical Group; Candice Milam, DACC; Dr. Stephen Nacco, DACC; Dr. Natalie Page, DACC; Bruce Rape, DACC Community Representative; Kerri Thurman, DACC; Erika Williams, DACC Student Representative

REPORTS

The first cohort MAERB standards started January 2020. The initial self-study report is due by May 2021. The resource Assessment is due by May of 2021. DACC needs to include a page on our website for Medical Assistant. The syllabi were aligned with DACC and MAERB standards for Spring 2021. The site visit is planned for October 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Candice gave a follow-up summary from our last advisory meeting. CNA's are able to complete their CNA program and then move to the Medical Assistant by completing two more semesters. Candice has about one student per semester that takes advantage of this opportunity. The Medical Assistant AAS degree has been reviewed and updated. The changes have recently been approved by the Curriculum Committee for Fall 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Candice shared updates for review to the M.A. program with the committee. Program outcomes, learning objectives, assessments, and annual reports have all been updated to meet with MAERB accreditation standards.

The program is in good status with all National Certifying bodies and there are several ways for students to test at DACC; Registered Medical Assistant (RMA), Clinical Medical Assistant Certified (CMAC), National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA), and Certified Medical Assistant (CMA).

The main DACC campus is the only site available for M.A. due to the cost of accreditation, availability of equipment. At this time dual credit can only be offered as cognitive learning, students under 18 are not allowed to perform hands-on procedures in training. DACC utilizes the following practicum sites Carle Clinic, Christie, Clinic, St. Vincent Clinics, Dr. Gindi, Iroquois Memorial, Hoopston Valley Professional Community Health Center, and Horizon Health to accommodate students with the best fit possible for their clinicals.

The M.A. program at DACC has both strengths and weaknesses. Identified strengths are the RMA testing pass rate, job placement and practicum sites hiring students after graduation. Some weaknesses include availability of equipment, cost of testing, and cost of credentialing by CAAHEP and MAERB.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Bruce inquired about enrollment in the M.A. program. Candice reported that enrollment has been down during the pandemic, but returning to normal procedures in Fall 2021 should boost enrollment. There is a need for M.A., so job placement is not an issue. Candice has been working on recruiting efforts via the DACC radio show with Laura Williams, plans to work on promotional ads with Laura Hensgen. Dr. Page suggested she also work with the new recruiter David Goble. Kathy also expressed that being able to have hands-on is necessary for M.A.

With no other questions, comments, suggestions, or objections to the M.A. changes the virtual meeting was concluded.

DATE of NEXT MEETING

March 2022

MINUTES SUBMITTED by:

Respectfully submitted,



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