

# ALLIED HEALTH

The **Associate of Science Degree in Allied Health (ASAH)** prepares students by offering and providing two healthcare career pathways. Pathway one (Option 1) prepares students for a Nursing Assistant and a career as a Phlebotomist Technician or an Electrocardiogram Technician. Pathway two (Option 2) prepares students for entry into the NMSU School of Nursing (NMSU SON) 4-year Bachelor of Nursing program. The ASAH degree plan follows the New Mexico Board of Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) common curriculum. NMSU SON accepts a cohort of students each Fall semester. Upon successful completion of core degree requirements included in Option 1 (Healthcare Field) or Option 2 (BSN Program) courses, a ASAH degree can be awarded.

**Option 1 (Health Care Fields)** is designed for students interested in alternative healthcare career paths in the fields of Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomist Technician or Electrocardiogram Technician. Option 1 also provides an associate degree completion for individuals awaiting acceptance into a BSN level program and for individuals with non-nursing degrees who may need to complete required courses before applying to a master program in nursing.

**Option 2 (BSN Program)** is designed for ASAH students choosing to meet pre-requisites for application to the NMSU SON BSN program at the New Mexico State University – Alamogordo campus.

The **Associate of Applied Science Medical Assistant (AASMA)** prepares students to be workforce ready by offering and providing a health career pathway that prepares students to work as medical assistants in healthcare provider offices, hospitals, outpatient clinics and other healthcare facilities. The program of study includes knowledge, skills, and 332 hours of clinical practice in phlebotomy, electrocardiogram, medical office management, and medical assisting. Students successfully completing courses in phlebotomy, electrocardiogram, medical office management are qualified to take the National Healthcareer Association certification exam at the end of each course to earn a certification in each field.

The **San Juan College(SJC) Surgical Technology program** is a collaborative effort to offer the Surgical Technologist program of study to students in Southern New Mexico. Prerequisite work for application to the SJC Surgical Technology program can be completed at the NMSU-A campus. After acceptance and admission to the SJC Surgical Technology program, courses will be completed online, in an NMSUA classroom, and at clinical sites located in southern New Mexico. A small amount of travel to SJC is required.

Allied Health - Associate of Science (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/allied-health/allied-health-associate-science/>)

Medical Assistant - Associate of Applied Science (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/allied-health/medasst-aas-degree/>)

Electrocardiogram Technician - Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/allied-health/ecg-cert/>)

Medical Office Administration & Management - Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/allied-health/medical-office-administration-management-certificate/>)

Nursing Aide Theory & Lab - Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/allied-health/nurs-aide-cert/>)

Phlebotomist Technician - Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/allied-health/phleb-tech-cert/>)

San Juan Surgical Technology Program (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/allied-health/surg-tech-info/>)

## Graduates of this program will:

### Allied Health

1. Describe the role and responsibilities related to the health care professionals including Medical Assistant, Phlebotomist Technician, Electrocardiogram Technician, and Nursing Assistant.
2. Evaluate occupational exposures, environmental safety hazards, high-risk situations, and emergency responses related to health care professions.
3. Apply anatomy and physiology principles to patient care across the lifespan and in a variety of health care settings.
4. Demonstrate soft skills related to assisting with patient assessment, screenings, and informed consent.
5. Demonstrate professionalism when interacting with patient populations across the lifespan; including, patient education, office management, and emergency situations.
6. Explain legal and ethical considerations, including HIPAA, informed consent, and scope of practice related to health care settings.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of health care professions and how their personal knowledge and skills will contribute to the health care field.

### Medical Assistant

1. Describe the role and responsibilities related to the Medical Assistant profession.
2. Apply knowledge of health care systems, legal and ethical considerations, body systems, disease processes, and patient care to health care settings.
3. Demonstrate skills related to assisting with patient assessment in a variety of health care settings.
4. Demonstrate professionalism and soft skills when interacting with patient populations across the lifespan; including difficult conversations, patient education, and patient consent.
5. Practice collaboration with the health care team related to patient care.

### Medical Office Administration & Management Certificate of Achievement

1. Apply theoretical knowledge associated with medical assisting in managing basic administrative tasks within a medical office.
2. Effectively perform essential administrative skills within the medical assistant scope of practice in ambulatory clinic settings.
3. Recognize factors that affect appointment scheduling, medical documentation and finances, as well as, overall office management, and take appropriate actions within predetermined limits when indicated.
4. Demonstrate professional conduct, written and interpersonal communication skills with patients, other health care professionals, and with the public.

5. Recognize the responsibilities of other health care personnel and interact with them with respect for their jobs and patient care.
6. Apply basic financial principles in medical office administration procedures.

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