

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Medical Administrative Specialist is a 60-credit program that prepares students with the broad range of technical and communications skills needed for success in today’s office work environment with specific study in medical terminology, electronic health records software, and office bookkeeping.

Medical office procedures course work includes learning practice management software to include setting patients’ appointments, maintaining physicians’ calendars, billing and messaging as well as specific interpersonal communications skills necessary in a medical setting. Students gain competence in word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation software. Keyboarding speed and accuracy is developed while grammar, punctuation and writing skills are polished. Students are well prepared for employment in any medical office environment.

Prerequisites

See Credits:

[A] The prerequisite to ADSC1010 Keyboarding I is ADSC1003 Introduction to Keyboarding and Speedbuilding.

Some courses may require appropriate test score or completion of basic math, basic English, and/or reading courses with a “C” or better.

Graduation Requirements

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, diploma, or certification must meet the grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Please contact your advisor for any further program graduation requirements.

A documented keyboarding skill of 45 net words per minute on a 5-minute timing is required for graduation from this program.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how credits from this program may transfer into other Anoka Technical College programs or into a program at another college, visit:

- [Minnesota Transfer](http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search): (www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search)
- [Anoka Technical College transfer student](http://www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx): (www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx)

Industry Information

In this fast-growing health care field, the medical administrative assistant functions in physicians’ offices, health clinics, outpatient facilities, medical laboratories, hospitals, health insurance companies, medical supplies and equipment businesses, and pharmaceutical companies. Minnesota Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a health care facility licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health

have a background study conducted by the state.

Job duties/skills may include the following: transcribing medical documents/reports, composing and processing correspondence, accounting payments and posting charges, coding of diagnoses and procedures, processing insurance claims, coordinating patient care, scheduling patient appointments, recording and relaying messages, maintaining various financial records, maintaining patient files, making calls for physicians and other healthcare personnel, arranging hospital admissions, scheduling surgeries, using automated record system to access, enter and edit patient information, and arranging physicians’ meetings and conferences.

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Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp) (http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp).

Technical Education: 45 Credits

- ADSC 1003 Introduction to Keyboarding and Speedbuilding 2
- ADSC 1010 Keyboarding I [A] 3
- ADSC 1031 Business English Skills 3
- ADSC 1042 Applied Medical Terminology for Scribing 2
- ADSC 1045 Administrative Office Procedures 4
- ADSC 1054 Office Bookkeeping 4
- ADSC 1055 Electronic Health Records 2
- ADSC 1142 Integrated Software Applications 4
- ADSC 1162 Microsoft PowerPoint 2
- ADSC 1171 Microsoft Excel 2
- ADSC 1197 Microsoft Word 4
- ADSC 1206 Written Business Communications 4
- ADSC 1283 Medical Office Procedures 4
- ADSC 1451 Technology Tools for the Workplace 3
- HLTH 1040 Medical Terminology 2

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 15 Credits

Fifteen (15) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

- INTS 1000 Critical Thinking Applications for College 3
- Choose 12 transferable credits from THREE different MnTC goal areas

Also see: Medical Coding diploma, Medical Scribe certificate, and Medical Receptionist diploma

Start Dates

Fall Semester August
 Spring Semester January



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2017-2018

Medical Administrative Specialist

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Faculty Contact

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For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu

Sample Program Sequence

Full Time

		First Semester	Second Semester	
1 st YEAR	ADSC 1003	2	ADSC 1010	3
	ADSC 1031	3	ADSC 1206	4
	ADSC 1054	4	ADSC 1451	3
	ADSC 1197	4	HLTH 1040	2
	TOTAL	16	Gen Ed/MnTC	4
		TOTAL	16	
2 nd YEAR		Third Semester	Fourth Semester	
	ADSC 1045	4	ADSC 1042	2
	ADSC 1055	2	ADSC 1142	4
	ADSC 1162	2	ADSC 1283	4
	ADSC 1171	2	Gen Ed/MnTC	4
Gen Ed/MnTC	4	TOTAL	14	
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Although the general education courses are listed in the sequence above, the courses may be taken any semester and in any order.

