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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We would like to welcome you to Everest Institute, a school that provides a friendly, small-campus atmosphere where our dedicated staff can take a personal interest in the progress of each student. This caring attitude, combined with progressive curricula, affords our students a meaningful higher education experience, as well as effective preparation for a wide variety of careers.

Obtaining a postsecondary education gives our graduates a competitive edge in their career field and will make the difference when they are considered for professional advancement. Our programs are designed for employment in the state of Georgia as well as other progressive areas throughout the country.

Our goal is to provide our students with quality instruction, a sense of professional responsibility, a desire for life-long learning, and the essential skills and abilities to qualify them for their chosen career.

We have made every effort to fulfill our obligations to those who have entrusted their educational and career goals to Everest. We invite all interested parties, therefore, to visit our campus and review our programs. Our experienced admissions officers will assist in the important process of identifying the program best suited for the candidate's special interests, talents, and goals.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaTonja Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

LaTonja Parker, Campus President  
Marietta Campus

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## **ABOUT EVEREST INSTITUTE**

### **CORINTHIAN COLLEGES, INC.**

Everest Institute is a part of Corinthian Colleges, Inc. (CCi). CCi was formed in 1995 to own and operate colleges across the nation that focus on high-demand, specialized curricula. CCi is continually seeking to provide the kind of educational programs that will best serve the changing needs of students, business and industry.

With headquarters in Santa Ana, California, and colleges in various states, CCi provides job-oriented education and training in high-growth, high-technology areas of business and industry. The curricular focus is on allied health, business, and other programs that have been developed based on local employer needs. Students use modern equipment and facilities, similar to the kind they can expect to find on the job. CCi provides people entering or reentering today's competitive market with practical, skill-specific education vital to their success.

Corinthian Colleges, Inc. is dedicated to providing education and training that meets the current needs of business and industry. Under CCi ownership, the school maintains its long-standing reputation for innovation and high-quality private education.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Everest is dedicated to the provision of an interactive learning environment created to support the professional career development of our students. The school was established to provide quality education and training designed to meet the needs of both students and employers. The school serves a diverse student population focusing on adults seeking to acquire the education and skills necessary to enter their chosen career field. To achieve this, the school is committed to excellence in the following areas:

- The utilization of effective technology and teaching methods.
- The presentation of relevant career focused educational programs.
- Ongoing collaboration with businesses, employers and professional associations in the design, delivery and evaluation of effective programs.
- The provision of career development support services to students and graduates which assists them in securing employment in their chosen field.

### **OBJECTIVES**

A supportive staff and innovative faculty are open to helping students reach their goals. In a warm, friendly, and professional setting, students realize their strengths through a team approach with staff and faculty. With their futures in mind, and the wealth and welfare of students continuously considered, a winning spirit that promotes self-esteem and viable career alternatives becomes the goal of everyone involved with Everest Institute.

### **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

The educational philosophy of Everest Institute is to provide quality programs that are sound in concept, implemented by a competent and dedicated faculty and geared to serve those seeking a solid foundation in knowledge and skills required to obtain employment in their chosen fields. The programs emphasize hands-on training, are relevant to employers' needs and focus on areas that offer strong long-term employment opportunities.

To offer students the training and skills that will lead to successful employment, the school will:

- Continually evaluate and update educational programs;
- Provide modern facilities and training equipment;
- Select teachers with professional experience in the vocations they teach and the ability to motivate and develop students to their greatest potential; and
- Promote self-discipline and motivation so that students may enjoy success on the job and in society.

### **SCHOOL HISTORY AND FACILITIES**

The Georgia campuses of Everest Institute was a school called Georgia Medical Employment Preparatory Center founded in 1977 by Ms. Ginger Gibbs. Ms. Gibbs guided Georgia Medical to become a primary training school for medical personnel in the Atlanta area. In 1986 the school was acquired by Mr. Dominic J. Dean, Mr. Arthur Cuff, and Ms. Linda Lippmann-Cuff. At that time, the school became "Georgia Medical Institute" and was expanded to three campuses: Atlanta, Jonesboro and Marietta. Corinthian Schools, Inc. purchased the three campuses in 2000. In April of 2007 the names of the campuses were changed to Everest Institute.

The Marietta campus contains classrooms with laboratories, computer and typing labs, and a student break room. All labs are properly equipped and meet OSHA safety guidelines. The campus has accessibility for disabled persons.

Everest Institute, the facility it occupies and the equipment it uses comply with all federal, state and local ordinances and regulations, including those related to fire safety, building safety and health.

### **LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER**

The Learning Resource Center is designed to support the programs offered at the campus. Students and faculty have access to a wide variety of resources such as books, periodicals, audio-visual materials and digital resources to support its curriculum. The Learning Resource Center is staffed with librarians or trained professionals to assist in the research needs of students and faculty, and it is conveniently open to meet class schedules.

## **ACCREDITATIONS, APPROVALS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201, (703) 247-4212.
- Authorized by the Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Commission (NPEC), 2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 220, Tucker, GA 30084-5305, (770) 414-3300, (770) 414-3309 (fax).
- The Surgical Technologist program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA), CAAHEP, 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727) 210.2350, [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org). (727) 210.2354 (fax).
- Approved for the training of Veterans and eligible persons under the provisions of Title 38, United States Code.

Copies of accreditation, approval and membership documentation are available for inspection at the campus. Please contact the Campus President to review this material.

## **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

All admissions materials, including program disclosures and enrollment agreements are presented in English only, since all programs are taught in English. Each admissions representative conducts interviews with prospective enrollees in English only as the method to determine that the prospective enrollee understands and can function in English. We do not make any accommodations to present materials or instruct courses in any other language. No English as a second language courses are offered by the campus.

### **REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

- High school diploma or a recognized equivalent such as the GED.
- Students must submit proof of high school graduation or a recognized equivalency certificate (GED) to the institution by providing the institution with the diploma, transcript confirming graduation, GED certificate or other equivalent documentation, a copy of which will be placed in the student file.
- Applicants are informed of their acceptance status shortly after all required information is received and the applicants' qualifications are reviewed.
- Upon acceptance into the school, applicants who are enrolling will complete an enrollment agreement.
- Students may apply for entry at any time. Students are responsible for meeting the requirements of the catalog in effect at the time of enrollment.
- Re-entry students are subject to all program requirements, policies, and procedures as stated in the school catalog at the time of re-entry. All re-entering students must sign a new enrollment agreement.

### **PROGRAM SPECIFIC ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

#### **ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS**

- Students entering in allied health programs may be required to complete a Health Notice prior to the start of the training program. Health Notice forms are provided by the school.
- Students entering allied health programs may be required to have a physical examination including their records of immunizations. Students must complete their physical examinations, provide their records of immunization, and begin the Hepatitis B series prior to beginning their first clinical rotation or externship.

#### **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST PROGRAM**

- High School graduate or have a GED
- Achieve a minimum score on the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test of Verbal 270 and Quantitative 270.
- Complete a personal interview with the Surgical Technologist Director or designee
- Complete and pass a criminal background check
- Complete and pass a drug screening which shows no evidence of illegal drug usage

##### **Prior to clinical the following need to be completed:**

- Meet the outlined Essential Skills and Functional Ability Standards and have physical examination clearance by a physician
- Provide proof of current immunizations as required by clinical affiliates
- Provide proof of current or complete CPR/Choking training that includes infant, child and adult with AED as required by clinical affiliates (this will be completed in class)

**Note:** The policies in the Surgical Technologist Handbook will supersede all other Everest policies and procedures as outlined in this catalog.

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

- Students enrolled in certain programs may be subject to a criminal background check prior to enrollment to ensure they are qualified to meet occupational or employment requirements, clinical or internship/externship placement requirements or licensure standards for many programs, including but not limited to those in the allied health or criminal justice fields.
- Enrollment for students may not be granted when the background check identifies a conviction, pending case, or unresolved deferral/diversion for any felonies or misdemeanors.
- A student's inability to obtain criminal background clearance may prohibit opportunities for program completion and job placement. It is the student's responsibility to contact the agency to verify conditions. The school cannot contact the background check agency.
- Students who have been out of school for more than 180 days and are requesting to re-enter a program that requires a criminal background screening must undergo a new criminal background screening prior to re-entry.

## ACADEMIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT

All students are required to go through the institution's assessment process. Students may be exempt from the assessment test if they provide official composite score of at least 15 on the ACT, a combined score on reading and math of at least 700 on the SAT, or proof of successful completion of a minimum of 36.0 quarter hours or 24.0 semester hours of earned college credit at an accredited postsecondary institution.

## ABILITY TO BENEFIT GRANDFATHERING POLICY

Effective July 1, 2012, the school will stop enrolling new Ability to Benefit (ATB) students and all new students must have attained a high school diploma or equivalent for admission. The limited circumstances under which a continuing ATB student may establish eligibility on or after July 1, 2012 are outlined in this grandfathering policy. Students wishing to establish eligibility may be required to submit documentation evidencing continuing ATB eligibility under the grandfathering provisions.

Students who were enrolled in an eligible educational program of study any time before July 1, 2012, may continue to be considered Title IV eligible under either the ATB test or credit hour standards if they meet the following two-part test set forth below:

1. The student attended, or was registered and scheduled to attend, a Title IV eligible program at an eligible institution prior to July 1, 2012; and
2. The student attained a passing score on an independently administered Department of Education (DOE) approved ATB test subject to the limitations set forth below.

**Note:** The number of students enrolled under the Ability To Benefit Provision is limited to only certain diploma programs offered. Please check with your admission representative regarding the programs that accept ATB students. The school reserves the right to reject applicants based on test scores and ability to benefit limitations, or as necessary to comply with any applicable local, state or federal laws, statutes or regulations.

## ABILITY TO BENEFIT PASSING TEST SCORES

ATB students must achieve or exceed the minimum passing scores in all subtests at one administration. Minimum ATB qualifying scores for CPA<sup>t</sup>, COMPASS, ASSET, CPT/Accuplacer and the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test as defined in the table below.

ATB Test	CPA <sup>t</sup>	COMPASS	ASSET	CPT/Accuplacer	Wonderlic
<b>Required Passing Scores:</b>	Language: 42 Reading: 43 Numerical: 41	Reading: 62 Writing: 32 Numerical: 25	Reading: 35 Writing: 35 Numerical: 33	Reading: 55 Sentence Skills: 60 Arithmetic: 34	Verbal: 200 Quantitative: 210

Former CCI ATB students re-entering on or after July 1, 2012, under the limited circumstances outlined above will not be required to retake and pass the ATB test if the official score sheet from the test publisher is in the student's academic file.

Students transferring from a non-CCI institution that previously qualified for Title IV eligibility via successfully passing an approved ATB exam at another institution will be required to re-take and pass an approved ATB-exam through CCI subject to Test Publisher's retest policies.

## ABILITY TO BENEFIT ADVISING

The school will provide academic support services necessary for the success of each student in the ATB program and to ensure that following completion of the program the student is ready for placement. All ATB students shall receive academic and career advising after each grading/evaluation periods (i.e. term, module, phase, level, or quarter).



# ACADEMIC POLICIES

## EVEREST REGULATIONS

Each student is given the school catalog, which sets forth the policies and regulations under which the institution operates. It is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with these policies and regulations and to comply accordingly. Ignorance of or lack of familiarity with this information does not serve as an excuse for noncompliance or infractions.

Everest reserves the right to change instructors, textbooks, accreditation, schedules, or cancel a course or program for which there is insufficient enrollment. The student will receive a full refund for courses or programs that are cancelled. The school also reserves the right to change course curricula, prerequisites and requirements upon approval by the school's accrediting agency and state licensing board.

## DEFINITION OF CREDIT

Everest awards credit in the form of quarter credits. One quarter credit is equivalent to a minimum of 10 clock hours of theory or lecture instruction, a minimum of 20 clock hours of supervised laboratory instruction, or a minimum of 30 clock hours of externship/internship practice.

## CLASS SIZE

To provide instruction and training, classes are limited in size. Standard lecture classes average 30 students. To ensure that students receive the necessary time and attention to build experience and confidence, typical laboratory classes average 25 students. For Surgical Technologist labs, the maximum class size is 12 students.

## OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- Students in degree programs should plan to spend a minimum of up to two hours per day outside of class completing homework assignments as directed by the instructor.
- In addition to scheduled classes, students in diploma programs will be expected to complete assigned homework and other out-of-class assignments in order to successfully meet course objectives as set forth in the course/program syllabi.

## TRANSFER OF CREDIT INTO EVEREST

Everest has constructed its transfer credit policy to recognize both traditional college credit and non-traditional learning. In general, Everest considers the following criteria when determining if transfer credit should be awarded:

- Accreditation of the institution;
- The comparability of the scope, depth, and breadth of the course to be transferred; and
- The applicability of the course to be transferred to the student's desired program. This includes the grade and age of the previously earned credit.

If the learning was obtained outside a formal academic setting, through a nationally administered proficiency exam, an IT certificate exam, or military training, Everest will evaluate and award transfer credit using professional judgment and the recommendations for credit issued by the American Council on Education (ACE).

## ACADEMIC TIME LIMITS

The following time limits apply to a course being considered for transfer credit:

- College Core and General Education course – indefinite;
- Major Core course (except health science course – within ten (10) years of completion; and
- Military training, Proficiency exams (e.g. DANTES, AP, CLEP, Excelsior, etc.) and IT certificate exams – the same academic time limits as College Core, General Education, and Major Core courses.

**Note:** Due to certain programmatic accreditation criteria, health science courses must be transferred within five (5) years of completion.

## MAXIMUM TRANSFER CREDITS ACCEPTED

Students enrolled in a diploma, associate or bachelor degree program must complete at least 25% of the program in residency at the institution awarding the degree or diploma. The remaining 75% of the program may be any combination of transfer credit, national proficiency credit, Everest developed proficiency credit, or prior learning credit.

## COURSEWORK COMPLETED AT FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

All coursework completed at a foreign institution must be evaluated by a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). An exception to this may be allowed for students transferring from Canada with prior approval from the Transfer Center.

## **TRANSFER CREDIT FOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT**

Everest accepts appropriate credits transferred from the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES subject testing, and certain other professional certification examination programs. Contact the campus Academic Dean/Director of Education for the current list of approved exams and minimum scores required for transfer.

## **TRANSFER CREDIT FOR PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION**

Undergraduate students may attempt to challenge the requirement to certain selected courses by demonstrating a proficiency level based on special qualifications, skills, or knowledge obtained through work or other experience that is sufficient to warrant the granting of academic credit for a course through a Proficiency Examination. Similarly, Everest may award some credits toward undergraduate, associate, and diploma level courses for achievement of professional certifications e.g. CNE, MCSE, etc. For more information, please contact the Academic Dean or Director of Education.

## **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PORTFOLIO**

Students may earn credit for life experience through the Prior Learning Assessment program. This program is designed to translate personal and professional experiences into academic credit. Procedures for applying for credit through experiential learning are available in the Academic Dean's/Director of Education's office.

## **NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION**

The transferability of credits you earn at Everest Institute is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree, diploma or certificate you earn in the program in which you are enrolling is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree, diploma or certificate that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your course work at the institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Everest Institute to determine if your credits or degree, diploma or certificate will transfer.

## **EVEREST CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

The Everest Consortium Agreement enables students to attend a limited number of classes at an Everest campus location other than their home campus. In addition, students nearing completion of their program of study may finish their degree at another Everest campus location through the Consortium Agreement. Complete details on the Everest Consortium Agreement are available in the Academic Dean's/Director of Education's office

## **TRANSFER TO OTHER EVEREST LOCATIONS**

Students in good standing may transfer to another Everest campus location. Transfer students are advised that they will be subject to the minimum residency requirements at the new campus for the program in which they are enrolled. Students may transfer applicable credits from Everest coursework in which a "C" or higher was earned; however, those credits will be treated as transfer credits and will not count toward fulfilling residency requirements at the new location.

## **TRANSFER CENTER ASSISTANCE**

Any questions regarding the transfer of credit into or from Everest should be directed to the Transfer Center at 877-727-0058 or email [transfercenter@cci.edu](mailto:transfercenter@cci.edu).

## **GRADING SYSTEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

The student's final grade for each course or module is determined by the average of the tests, homework, class participation, special assignments and any other criteria indicated in the grading section of the syllabus for the course or module. Final grades are reported at the completion of each grading term and are provided to each student. If mailed, they are sent to the student's home address. Failed courses must be repeated and are calculated as an attempt in Satisfactory Academic Progress calculations.

Grade	Point Value	Meaning	Percentage Scale
A	4.0	Excellent	100-90
B	3.0	Very Good	89-80
C	2.0	Good	79-70
F	0.0	Fail	69-0
Fail	Not Calculated	Fail (for externship/internship only)	
Pass	Not Calculated	Pass (for externship/internship only)	
L	Not Calculated	Leave of Absence	
PE	Not Calculated	Proficiency Exam	
W	Not Calculated	Withdrawal	
WZ	Not Calculated	Withdrawal for those students called to immediate active military duty. This grade indicates that the course will not be calculated for purposes of determining rate of progress	
TR	Not Calculated	Transfer Credit	

Treatment of Grades in the Satisfactory Academic Progress/Rate of Progress Calculation			
Grade	Included in GPA calculation?	Counted as attempted credits?	Counted as earned credits?
A	Y	Y	Y
B	Y	Y	Y
C	Y	Y	Y
F	Y	Y	N
Fail	N	Y	N
Pass	N	Y	Y
L	N	N	N
PE	N	Y	Y
W	N	Y	N
WZ	N	N	N
TR	N	Y	Y

### GPA AND CGPA CALCULATIONS

- The Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated for all students. The GPA for each term and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) are calculated on courses taken in residence at Everest.
- The Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated at the end of each evaluation period by dividing the quality points earned by the total credits attempted for that evaluation period.
- The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is calculated by dividing the total cumulative quality points earned by the total cumulative credits attempted for cumulative evaluation periods.
- The number of quality points awarded for each course is determined by multiplying the points listed for each letter grade by the number of credits of the course.

### STANDARDS OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to remain eligible as regularly enrolled students and to continue receiving federal financial assistance. The accreditor and federal regulations require that all students progress at a reasonable rate toward the completion of their academic program. Satisfactory academic progress is measured by:

- The student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA)
- The student's rate of progress toward completion (ROP)
- The maximum time frame allowed to complete which is 150% of total number of credits in the program of study (MTF)

### EVALUATION PERIODS FOR SAP

Satisfactory academic progress is measured for all students at the end of each grading period (i.e., at the end of each term, module, phase, level, quarter and payment period).

### RATE OF PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION

The school catalog contains a schedule designating the minimum percentage or amount of work that a student must successfully complete at the end of each evaluation period to complete their educational program within the maximum time frame (150%). Quantitative progress is determined by dividing the number of credit hours earned by the number of credit hours attempted. Credit hours attempted include completed hours, transfer credits, withdrawals, and repeated courses.

## MAXIMUM TIME FRAME TO COMPLETE

The maximum time frame for completion of any program is limited by federal regulation to 150% of the published length of the program. A student is not allowed to attempt more than 1.5 times or 150% of the credit hours in the standard length of the program in order to complete the requirements for graduation.

## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS TABLES

48 Quarter Credit Hour Program. Total credits that may be attempted: 72 (150% of 48).				
Total Credits Attempted	SAP Advising if CGPA is below	SAP Not Met if CGPA is below	SAP Advising if Rate of Progress is Below	SAP Not Met if Rate of Progress is Below
1-18	2.0	N/A	66.66%	N/A
19-24	2.0	0.5	66.66%	25%
25-30	2.0	0.75	66.66%	40%
31-36	2.0	1.0	66.66%	50%
37-42	2.0	1.1	66.66%	55%
43-48	2.0	1.25	66.66%	60%
49-72	N/A	2.0	N/A	66.66%

69 Quarter Credit Hour Program. Total credits that may be attempted: 102 (150% of 69).				
Total Credits Attempted	SAP Advising if CGPA is below	SAP Not Met if CGPA is below	SAP Advising if Rate of Progress is Below	SAP Not Met if Rate of Progress is Below
1-16	2.0	N/A	66.66%	N/A
17-28	2.0	1.0	66.66%	N/A
29-40	2.0	1.25	66.66%	50%
41-52	2.0	1.5	66.66%	60%
53-64	2.0	1.75	66.66%	65%
65-102	N/A	2.0	66.66%	66.66%

## APPLICATION OF GRADES AND CREDITS TO SAP

- Grades A through F are included in the calculation of CGPA and are included in the Total Number of Credit Hours Attempted.
- Transfer credits (TR) are not included in the calculation of CGPA but are included in the Total Number of Credit Hours Attempted and Earned in order to determine the required levels for CGPA and rate of progress.
- Courses with grades of Pass and PE are not included in the CGPA calculation but do count as credit hours successfully completed for the rate of progress calculation.
- For calculating rate of progress, F grades and W grades are counted as hours attempted but are not counted as hours successfully completed.
- When a course is repeated, the higher of the two grades is used in the calculation of CGPA, and the total credit hours for the original course and the repeated course are included in the Total Credit Hours Attempted (in the SAP charts) in order to determine the required rate of progress level. The credit hours for the original attempt are considered as not successfully completed.
- When a student returns from a leave of absence and completes the course from which the student withdrew, the hours for which the student receives a passing grade are counted as earned; the grade, hours, and attendance for the original attempt prior to the official leave of absence are not counted for purpose of the rate of progress toward completion calculation and the original grade is not counted in the CGPA calculation.
- When a student transfers between programs, all attempts of courses common to both programs are included in the CGPA and ROP of the new program.
- Students graduating from one program and continuing on to another will have all successfully completed courses common to both programs included in the SAP calculations of the new program. Courses not in the new program, including grades of W or F, are excluded from all SAP calculations.
- Non-punitive grades are not used and non-credit and remedial courses are not offered.

## ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL AID WARNING

SAP is evaluated at the end of each term and all students with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and/or rate of progress (ROP) below the required academic progress standards as stated in the school's catalog are determined to have not met satisfactory academic progress. Students not meeting SAP and with a previous SAP Met status will be issued a Financial Aid Warning and be advised that unless they improve their CGPA and/or rate of progress toward completion, they may be withdrawn from their program and lose eligibility for federal financial aid.

## NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID WARNING

The Academic Dean/Director of Education (or designee) must provide the written notice of FA Warning status to all students not meeting SAP and with a previous SAP Met status. The following timelines apply to all students receiving an FA Warning:

- For programs with an Add/Drop period:

- Students must receive the notification by the first day of the term; and
- Must be advised within fourteen (14) calendar days after the term start.

**Note: For terms without a break week, students must receive the notification within seven (7) calendar days after the term start and be advised within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the term start.**

- For modular programs:
  - Students must receive the notification by the third (3rd) calendar day of the next module; and
  - Must be advised within ten (10) calendar days after the module start.

### **ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL AID PROBATION**

When students fall below the required academic progress standards (CGPA and/or ROP) for their program for two consecutive evaluation periods, students shall receive written notification that they will be withdrawn unless they successfully appeal by written request within the timeframe stated in the Student Academic Appeals Policy. If a student's appeal is approved, the student will be placed on Academic and Financial Aid (FA) probation. While on FA probation, students must adhere to an Academic Progress Plan. Probation will begin at the start of the next evaluation period. When both the CGPA and ROP are above the probation ranges, students are removed from probation.

During the period of probation, students are considered to be making Satisfactory Academic Progress both for academic and financial aid eligibility. Students on probation must participate in academic advising as a condition of their probation. Academic advising shall be documented on an Academic Progress Plan and shall be kept in the students' academic file.

### **NOTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL AID PROBATION**

The Academic Dean/Director of Education (or designee) must provide written notice of probationary status to all students placed on academic and financial aid probation. The following timelines apply for all students:

- For programs with an Add/Drop period:
  - Students must receive the notification by the first day of the term;
  - If the student appeals this status and the appeal is approved, the student must receive an Academic Progress Plan within ten (10) calendar days after the appeal's approval.

**Note: For terms without a break week, students must receive the notification within seven (7) calendar days after the term start.**

- For modular programs:
  - Students must receive the notification by the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) calendar day of the next module;
  - If the student appeals this status and the appeal is approved, the student must receive an Academic Progress Plan within seven (7) calendar days after the appeal's approval.

### **DISMISSAL**

If the student does not meet the Academic Progress Plan's requirements at the end of the evaluation period, the student will be dismissed from the program. Students who have violated Academic and Financial Aid Probation and have been dismissed from a program are not eligible for readmission to that program if the student has exceeded or may exceed the maximum time frame of completion until they reestablish appropriate Satisfactory Academic Progress standing. Students who have reached the maximum time frame for their program must be withdrawn from the program. There is no appeal for this type of withdrawal.

### **RETAKEING PASSED COURSEWORK**

Students may repeat coursework as long as such coursework does not include more than a single repetition of a previously passed course. Each attempt counts in the calculation of the students' rate of progress and successful completion percentages. All repeated courses will appear on the student's transcript, but only the highest grade earned will be included in the calculation of their cumulative grade point average.

### **RETAKEING FAILED COURSEWORK**

For the purpose of improving academic standing and establishing institutional grade point average, students must repeat any failed coursework. Failed courses may be repeated more than twice, so long as repeating the coursework does not jeopardize the students' maximum time frame of completion. Each attempt counts in the calculation of the students' rate of progress and successful completion percentages. All repeated coursework will appear on the student's transcript, but only the highest grade earned will be included in the calculation of their cumulative grade point average.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

This policy sets standards that are critical to the student academic success. An instructor may consider a student present who does not attend the entire class session if a) the criteria used to make the determination are stated in the course syllabus and b) the amount of time missed does not exceed 50% of the class session.

## ESTABLISHING ATTENDANCE/VERIFYING ENROLLMENT

- For programs with an add/drop period, the taking of attendance for a student enrolling during the add/drop period shall begin the first scheduled class session following the student's enrollment.
- In programs without an add/drop period, students registered for a class shall attend by the second scheduled class session or be withdrawn.

## MONITORING STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Faculty shall monitor student attendance on the basis of both consecutive absences (the "Consecutive Absence Rule") and absences as a percentage of the hours in term/program (the "Percentage Absence Rule").

## CONSECUTIVE ABSENCE RULE

When a student is absent from school for fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days excluding holidays and scheduled breaks, the faculty shall notify the Academic Dean/Director of Education. For linear programs, the consecutive absence rule is applied to days missed in a single term. For modular programs, the consecutive absence rule is applied to days missed in the total program.

## PERCENTAGE ABSENCE RULE

For students who **have not** previously violated the attendance policy, the following rule shall apply:

Percentage	Action Taken
15% of the total classroom hours missed	Attendance warning letter sent
20% of the total classroom hours missed	Withdrawn from the module and dismissed from school

For students who **have** been dismissed for violating the attendance policy, or would have been dismissed but for a successful appeal, the following rule shall apply:

Percentage	Action Taken
15% of the remaining classroom hours missed	Attendance warning letter sent
20% of the remaining classroom hours missed	Withdrawn from the module and dismissed from school

## DATE OF WITHDRAWAL

- When a student is withdrawn for consecutive absences within the term or module, the date of the student's withdrawal shall be the student's last date of attendance (LDA).
- When a student is withdrawn for violating the applicable percentage absence rule, the Date of Withdrawal shall be the date of the violation.

**Note:** The Date of Withdrawal shall be the earlier of a violation of the Consecutive Absence Rule or the Percentage Absence Rule.

## DATE OF DETERMINATION (DOD)

The Date of Determination (DOD) is the date the school determined the student would not return to class. This is the date used to determine the timeliness of the refund. The DOD is the **earliest** of the following three (3) dates:

- The date the student notifies the school (verbally or in writing) that s/he is not returning to class;
- The date the student violates the published attendance policy;
- No later than the 14th calendar day after the LDA; scheduled breaks are excluded when calculating the DOD.

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The computer attendance database is the official record of attendance. The official record may be challenged by filing an attendance appeal within five (5) calendar days following the end of a session. Without an appeal, after the 14th calendar day following the end of the term/module, the computer attendance database shall be considered final.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

Everest permits students to request a leave of absence (LOA) as long as the leaves do not exceed a total of 180 days during any 12-month period, starting from the first day of the first leave, and as long as there are documented, legitimate extenuating circumstances that require the students to interrupt their education. Students requesting an LOA must submit a completed Leave of Absence Request Form prior to the beginning date of the leave. If unforeseen circumstances prevent the student from submitting the request in advance, the leave may still be granted, but only if:

- a) the school documents the unforeseen circumstances, and
- b) the student submits a completed **Leave of Absence Request Form** by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the leave.

**Note:** Everest does not permit leaves of absence for students enrolled in quarter-based programs. Students experiencing circumstances that may make it necessary to interrupt their attendance temporarily should see the Academic Dean/Director of Education.

## **RE-ADMISSION FOLLOWING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- Upon return from leave, the student will be required to repeat the module, if it had been interrupted, and receive final grades.
- The student will not be charged any fee for the repeat of any module from which the student took leave or for re-entry from the leave of absence.
- The date the student returns to class is normally scheduled for the beginning of a module.
- When a student is enrolled in a modular program, the student may return at any appropriate module, not only the module from which the student withdrew.

## **EXTENSION OF A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A student on an approved LOA may submit a request to extend the LOA without returning to class. Such a request may be approved by the Academic Dean/Director of Education provided:

- The student submits a completed **LOA Extension Request Form** before the end date of the current leave.
- There is a reasonable expectation the student will return.
- The number of days in the leave as extended, when added to all other approved leaves, does not exceed 180 calendar days in any twelve (12) month period calculated from the first day of the student's first leave.
- Appropriate modules required for completion of the program will be available to the student on the date of return.

If the extension request is approved, the end date of the student's current leave will be changed in the official student information system to reflect the new end date. If the request is denied, the student will be withdrawn and the withdrawal date will be the student's last date of attendance (LDA).

## **FAILURE TO RETURN FROM A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A student who fails to return from a LOA on or before the date indicated in the written request will be terminated from the program, and the institution will invoke the refund policy. As required by federal statute and regulations, the student's last date of attendance prior to the approved LOA will be used in order to determine the amount of funds the institution earned and make any refunds that may be required under federal, state, or institutional policy.

## **POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Students who are contemplating a LOA should be cautioned that one or more of the following factors may affect the length of time it will take the student to graduate.

- Students returning from a LOA are not guaranteed that the module required to maintain the normal progress in their training program will be available at the time of reentry;
- They may have to wait for the appropriate module to be offered;
- Financial aid may be affected.

## **EXTERNSHIP TRAINING**

Upon successful completion of all classroom requirements, students are expected to begin the externship portion of their programs within 14 calendar days (excluding holidays and regularly scheduled breaks). If a student does not begin externship training within 14 calendar days, he/she must be dropped from the program. A leave of absence (LOA) may only be approved if the student's reason meets the criteria of the LOA Policy. Students may only miss 14 consecutive calendar days once they start externship or they must be dropped from the program.

Each student has approximately 120 calendar days to complete their externship. Any modular student who does not complete externship training within 120 calendar days should meet with the Academic Dean/Director of Education to approve the time remaining to complete the externship.

Students who drop from externship either prior to starting or during externship and/or delay the completion of their externship for more than 30 days from the last days of attendance must have their skills evaluated by a program instructor or director/chair prior to re-entry to ensure they are still competent to perform skills safely in the externship setting.

## **WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES**

- Students who intend to withdraw from school are requested to notify the Academic Dean/Director of Education by telephone, in person, by email or in writing to provide official notification of their intent to withdraw and the date of withdrawal.
- Timely notification by the student will result in the student being charged tuition and fees for only the portion of the payment period or period of enrollment that he/she attended as well as ensuring a timely return of federal funds and any other refunds that may be due.
- Students requesting a withdrawal from school must complete a financial aid exit interview.
- Students who have withdrawn from school may contact the school's Education Department about reentry.

## **MAKE-UP WORK**

At the instructor's discretion, make-up work may be provided to students who have missed class assignments or tests. Make-up work must be completed within ten (10) calendar days after the end of the term/module.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

- Successfully complete all courses in the program with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average within the maximum time frame for completion as stated in the school catalog.
- Successfully complete all externship requirements (if applicable).
- Meet any additional program-specific requirements as stated in the catalog.

Commencement exercises are held at least once a year. Upon graduation, all students who are current with their financial obligation to the school shall receive their diploma.

## **VETERANS' EDUCATION BENEFITS**

### **PRIOR CREDIT FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

All VA beneficiaries are required to disclose prior postsecondary school attendance, military education and training, and provide official transcripts for such education and training. The student is responsible for ensuring that all transcripts are submitted to the school. The school is responsible for evaluating official written transcripts of previous education and experience, granting credit where appropriate, notifying the student, and shortening the program certified accordingly.

Prior credit must be evaluated within the first two terms of the enrollment period. The VA may not pay VA education benefits past the third term of enrollment, if prior credit has not been evaluated.

### **BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS**

Schools are required to promptly report changes in the enrollment status of all students receiving VA education benefits in order to minimize overpayments. Generally overpayments of VA benefits are the responsibility of the student. However, there are instances under the Post 9/11 GI Bill when an overpayment is created on a school and funds need to be returned to the VA.

### **ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING VA BENEFITS**

Student receiving Veterans education benefits are subject to the same academic standards (e.g., SAP, attendance, etc.) applicable to all students at the schools. To receive VA education benefits, a student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress, attendance standards and adhere to the Code of Student Conduct.

## **APEALS POLICY**

### **STUDENT ACADEMIC APEALS POLICY**

Academic appeals include those appeals related to Satisfactory Academic Progress violations, final grades, attendance violations, and academic or financial aid eligibility. In all instances, with the exception of SAP, Everest expects that initially every attempt will be made to resolve such disputes informally through discussions by all relevant parties prior to initiating formal appeals.

All formal academic appeals must be submitted in writing on an Academic Appeal Form to the Academic Dean/Director of Education within five (5) calendar days of the date the student has notice of the adverse academic decision:

- Notice of final grades:
  - Modular - the date the grade(s) are mailed from the school
  - Linear - first day of the subsequent term
- Notice of Attendance violation is the date of the violation
- Notice of SAP violation (FA probation or SAP Not Met 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term):
  - Modular – third calendar day of the subsequent module
  - Linear - first day of the subsequent term

**Note:** In the case of terms without a break week, the student must receive the notification within seven (7) calendar days of the term start.

- Online - first day of the subsequent term

**Note:** In the case of terms without a break week, the student must receive the notification within seven (7) calendar days of the term start.

The appeal must include:

- The specific academic decision at issue
- The date of the decision
- The reason(s) the student believes the decision was incorrect
- The informal steps taken to resolve the disagreement over the decision
- The resolution sought

The written appeal may be accompanied by any additional documentation (e.g., papers, doctor notes, tests, syllabi) the student believes supports the conclusion that the academic decision was incorrect.



**Note:** Once a formal appeal is filed, no action based on the adverse academic decision may be taken until the appeal process is complete. However, in cases involving financial aid eligibility, all financial aid disbursements shall be suspended until the matter is resolved.

Upon receipt of the Academic Appeal Form, the Academic Dean/Director of Education/Online Designee shall convene an Appeal Committee, which should at minimum include the Department Chair, a member of the Student Services Staff, and a faculty member from another program. The Appeal Committee shall investigate the facts of the matter to the extent deemed appropriate under the circumstances. The Appeal Committee shall render a written decision within five (5) calendar days of the date the appeal was received, and shall forward the decision to the student and the instructor within five (5) calendar days thereafter. Copies of all documents relating to the appeal shall be placed in the student's academic file, and the decision of the Appeal Committee shall be noted in the official student information system within one (1) calendar day of the date of the decision. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final, and no further appeals are permitted.

**Note:** When an appeal is denied, the date of any suspension of financial aid or dismissal from the program shall be the date of the adverse academic decision. The student will not be charged for any attendance after the date of the adverse academic decision.

### **ASSIGNMENTS/TEST GRADES**

Students who disagree with an assignment/test grade should discuss it with the instructor upon receipt of the grade. Assignments/test grades are reviewed at the instructor's discretion. If the instructor is not available, the matter should be discussed with the Program Director/Department Chair/Online Academic Designee. Only final course grades are eligible for appeal.

### **FINAL COURSE GRADES**

In modular programs, appeals of final course grades must be made by the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the date the grades are mailed from the school. In linear programs, appeals of final course grades must be made by the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the subsequent term. The Academic Dean/Director of Education/Online Academic Designee may direct a grade to be changed when it is determined by an Appeal Committee that a final grade was influenced by any of the following:

1. A personal bias or arbitrary rationale
2. Standards unreasonably different from those that were applied to other students
3. A substantial, unreasonable, or unannounced departure from previously articulated standards
4. The result of a clear and material mistake in calculating or recording grades or academic progress

### **ATTENDANCE VIOLATIONS**

Appeals of attendance violations must be made within five (5) calendar days of the violation. In order for an attendance appeal to be considered, the student must:

1. Attend school:
  - The next scheduled class period (Consecutive Absence Rule violations)
  - Within five (5) calendar days of the violation (Percentage Absence Rule violations)
2. Have perfect attendance while the appeal is pending
3. Submit a written plan to improve attendance with the Appeal Form

Provided that no applicable state requirement would be violated by doing so, an attendance appeal may be granted if the student demonstrates that the absence was caused by:

1. The death of a family member
2. An illness or injury suffered by the student
3. Special circumstances of an unusual nature which are not likely to recur

The Appeal Committee may, as a condition of granting the appeal, require the student to make up assignments and develop an Academic Advising Plan in conjunction with his or her advisor.

### **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) APPEALS**

In modular programs, SAP appeals must be made within five (5) calendar days of the notification, i.e., eight (8) calendar days of the subsequent module start. In linear programs, SAP appeals must be made by the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the subsequent term.

Provided that the student can complete his/her program within the maximum time frame with the required minimum CGPA, a SAP appeal may be granted if the student demonstrates that s/he is sincerely committed to taking the steps required to succeed in his/her program and that his or her failure to maintain the required CGPA or ROP was caused by any of the following mitigating circumstances:

1. The death of a family member
2. An illness or injury suffered by the student
3. Special circumstances of an unusual nature which are not likely to recur

SAP violation/FA Probation appeals must include a detailed statement written by the student explaining the reason why he or she failed to make SAP, and what has changed in the student's situation that will allow him or her to

demonstrate SAP at the next evaluation period. An appeal will be strengthened if supporting documentation is included (e.g., medical doctor's note, law enforcement report, etc.)

The Appeal Committee shall, as a condition of granting the appeal, require the student to develop an Academic Progress Plan in conjunction with the student's advisor and place the student on FA probation.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

A student who has applied, is accepted, and has begun classes at Everest assumes a definite financial obligation. Each student is legally responsible for his or her own educational expenses for the period of enrollment. A student who is enrolled and has made payments in full or completed other financial arrangements and is current with those obligations, is entitled to all the privileges of attending classes, taking examinations, receiving grade reports, securing course credit, being graduated, and using the Career Services Office.

Any student who is delinquent in a financial obligation to the school, or any educational financial obligation to any third party, including damage to school property, library fines, and payment of tuition and fees, is subject to exclusion from any or all of the usual privileges of the school. Everest may, in its sole discretion, take disciplinary action on this basis, including suspension or termination of enrollment.

### **TUITION AND FEES**

Tuition and fee information can be found in "Tuition and Fees" section of the catalog. Modular programs are offered throughout the year. When a student begins enrollment in a modular program, tuition will be charged in the full tuition amount, or in increments based on state policy, for each academic year.

Students' financial obligations will be calculated in accordance with the refund policy in the Enrollment Agreement and this school catalog. For modular programs, the Enrollment Agreement obligates the student and the school for the entire program of instruction. For quarter-based programs, the Enrollment Agreement obligates the student and the school for tuition by quarter.

Student may make payments by cash or by the following accepted credit cards: Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

### **TUITION CHARGES FOR RE-ENTRY**

- Students re-entering a linear program will be charged tuition at the current cost per credit/quarter.
- Students re-entering a modular program within 180 days will be charged tuition at the original tuition rate reflected on the original enrollment agreement. Students re-entering a modular program outside of 180 days will be charge current tuition rate.
- If the student is entering into a modular program that charges tuition by the academic year and is re-entering in the second academic year, no tuition increase is applied to the first academic year, since that year has already been completed. The tuition increase will be calculated for the second academic year as follows:
  - Tuition increase divided by the number of academic credits in the program equals to cost per credit.  
Cost per credit multiplied by the number of credits in the second academic year equals the amount of tuition increase.

**Note:** Any student who has a prior unpaid balance or account that has been referred to a collection agency will not be eligible for re-entry until the unpaid balance has been resolved.

### **ADDITIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

Charges for textbooks, uniforms and equipment are separate from tuition. The institution does not charge for books, uniforms and equipment until the student purchases and receives the items. Incidental supplies, such as paper and pencils are to be furnished by the students.

### **VOLUNTARY PREPAYMENT PLAN**

The school provides a voluntary prepayment plan to students and their families to help reduce the balance due upon entry. Details are available upon request from the Student Finance Office.

### **BUYER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL**

The applicant's signature on the Enrollment Agreement does not constitute admission into the school until the student has been accepted for admission by an official of the school. If the applicant is not accepted by the school, all monies paid will be refunded.

After the applicant has signed the Enrollment Agreement, the applicant may request cancellation by submitting a written notice either prior to the start of the first scheduled class or by midnight of the third business day following the signing of the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is longer, and the applicant will receive a full refund of all monies paid. Applicants who have signed the Enrollment Agreement but have not yet visited the school may also cancel within three business days following either the school's regularly scheduled orientation procedures or a tour of the school's facilities and inspection of equipment, where training and services are provided.

Cancellation will occur when the student gives a signed and dated written notice of cancellation to the Director of Admissions or President at the address shown on the Enrollment Agreement. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form, and, however expressed, is effective if signed and dated by the student and states that the student no longer wishes to be bound by the Enrollment Agreement. A notice of cancellation may be given by mail or hand delivery. The notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail, properly addressed, with postage prepaid.

## **OFFICIAL WITHDRAWALS**

An official withdrawal is considered to have occurred on the date that the student provides to The School official notification of his or her intent to withdraw. Students who must withdraw from The School are requested to notify the office of the Academic Dean/Director of Education in writing to provide official notification, including the official date and reason, of their intent to withdraw. When the student begins the process of withdrawal, the student or the office of the Academic Dean/Director of Education will complete the necessary form(s).

**Quarter-based Programs:** After the cancellation period, students in quarter-based programs who officially withdraw from the school prior to the end of the school's official add/drop period will be dropped from enrollment, and all monies paid will be refunded.

**Modular Programs:** Although there is no add/drop period in modular programs, for students who officially withdraw within the first five class days (or for weekend classes within seven calendar days from the date they started class, including the day they started class), all monies paid will be refunded.

## **DATE OF WITHDRAWAL VERSUS DATE OF DETERMINATION (DOD)**

The date of withdrawal, for purposes of calculating a refund, is the student's last date of attendance. The date of determination is the earlier of the date the student officially withdraws, provides notice of cancellation, or the date The School determines the student has violated an academic standard. For example, when a student is withdrawn for violating an academic rule, the date of the student's withdrawal shall be the student's last date of attendance. The date of determination shall be the date The School determines the student has violated the academic rule, if the student has not filed an appeal. If the student files an appeal and the appeal is denied, the date of determination is the date the appeal is denied. If the student ceases attendance without providing official notification, the DOD shall be no more than 14 days from the student's last date of attendance.

## **FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID RETURN POLICY**

### **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (SFA)**

The School is certified by the U.S. Department of Education as an eligible participant in the Federal Student Financial Aid (SFA) programs established under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended (Title IV programs). The School is required to determine earned and unearned portions of Title IV aid for students who cancel, withdraw, drop out, are dismissed, or take a leave of absence prior to completing 60% of a payment period or term.

### **RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS CALCULATION AND POLICY**

The Return of Title IV Funds calculation (Return calculation) is based on the percentage of earned aid using the following calculation: Percentage of payment period or term completed equals the number of scheduled hours (clock-hour programs) or days (credit-hour programs) completed up to the withdrawal date divided by the total number of hours (clock-hour programs) or days (credit-hour programs) in the payment period or term. For credit-hour programs, any scheduled break of five days or more is not counted as part of the days in the term. This percentage is also the percentage of earned aid.

Funds are returned to the appropriate federal program based on the percentage of unearned aid using the following formula: Aid to be returned equals (100% of the aid that could be disbursed minus the percentage of earned aid) multiplied by the total dollar amount of aid that could have been disbursed during the payment period or term.

### **RETURN OF UNEARNED TITLE IV FUNDS**

The school must return the lesser of:

1. The amount of Title IV program funds that the student did not earn; or
2. The amount of institutional charges that the student incurred for the payment period or period of enrollment multiplied by the percentage of funds that were not earned.

The student (or parent, if a federal PLUS loan) must return or repay the amount by which the original overpayment amount exceeds 50% of the total grant funds received by the student for the payment period or period of enrollment, if the grant overpayment is greater than \$50. (Note: If the student cannot repay the grant overpayment in full, the student must make satisfactory arrangements with the U.S. Department of Education to repay any outstanding grant balances. The Student Financial Aid Department will be available to advise the student in the event that a student repayment

obligation exists. The individual will be ineligible to receive additional student financial assistance in the future if the financial obligation(s) is not satisfied.)

The school must return the Title IV funds for which it is responsible in the following order:

1. Unsubsidized Direct Stafford loans (other than PLUS loans)
2. Subsidized Direct Stafford loans
3. Federal Perkins loans
4. Direct PLUS loans
5. Federal Pell Grants for which a return of funds is required
6. Academic Competitiveness Grants for which a return of funds is required
7. National Smart Grants for which a return of funds is required
8. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) for which a return of funds is required

If a student withdraws after the 60% point-in-time, the student has earned all Title IV funds that he/she was scheduled to receive during the period and, thus, has no unearned funds; however, the school must still perform a Return calculation. If the student earned more aid than was disbursed to him/her, the institution would owe the student a post-withdrawal disbursement, which must be paid within 180 days of the DOD. If a student earned less aid than was disbursed, the school would be required to return a portion of the funds, and the student would be required to return a portion of the funds. Any outstanding student loans that remain are to be repaid by the student according to the terms of the student's promissory notes.

After a Return calculation has been made and a state/institutional refund policy, if applicable, has been applied, any resulting credit balance (i.e. earned Title IV funds exceed institutional charges) must be paid within 14 days from the date that the school performs the Return calculation and will be paid in one of the following manners:

1. Pay authorized charges at the institution;
2. With the student's permission, reduce the student's Title IV loan debt (not limited to the student's loan debt for the period of enrollment);
3. Return to the student.

#### **TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH INSTITUTION IS TO RETURN UNEARNED TITLE IV FUNDS**

The school must return the amount of unearned Title IV funds for which it is responsible within 45 days after the DOD.

#### **EFFECT OF A LEAVE OF ABSENCE ON RETURNS**

If a student does not return from an approved leave of absence on the date indicated on the written request, the withdrawal date is the student's last day of attendance. For more information, see the Leave of Absence section in the school catalog.

#### **REFUND POLICIES**

##### **INSTITUTIONAL PRO RATA REFUND CALCULATION AND POLICY**

When a student withdraws, the school must determine how much of the tuition and fees it is eligible to retain. The Pro Rata Refund Calculation and Policy is an institutional policy and is different from the Federal Financial Aid Return Policy and Return calculation; therefore, after both calculations are applied, a student may owe a debit balance (i.e. the student incurred more charges than he/she earned Title IV funds) to the school.

The school will perform the Pro Rata Refund Calculation for students who terminate their training before completing the period of enrollment. Under the Pro Rata Refund Calculation, the school is entitled to retain only the percentage of charges (tuition, fees, room, board, etc.) proportional to the period of enrollment completed by the student. The period of enrollment completed by the student is calculated by dividing the total number of calendar days in the period of enrollment into the calendar days in the period as of the student's last date of attendance. The period of enrollment for students enrolled in modular programs is the academic year. The period of enrollment for students enrolled in quarter-based programs is the quarter. The refund is calculated using the following steps:

1. Determine the total charges for the period of enrollment.
2. Divide this figure by the total number of calendar days in the period of enrollment.
3. The answer to the calculation in step 2 is the daily charge for instruction.
4. The amount owed by the student for the purposes of calculating a refund is derived by multiplying the total calendar days in the period as of the student's last date of attendance by the daily charge for instruction and adding in any book or equipment charges.
5. The refund shall be any amount in excess of the figure derived in step 4 that was paid by the student.

## **GEORGIA REFUND POLICY**

Refunds are based on tuition paid for segments of the instructional program as described by the institution in the enrollment agreement, (i.e., quarter, semester or term as defined by the institution) but in no case more that twelve (12) months.

## **TEXTBOOK AND EQUIPMENT RETURN/REFUND POLICY**

A student who was charged for and paid for textbooks, uniforms, or equipment may return the unmarked textbooks, unworn uniforms, or new equipment within 30 days following the date of the student's cancellation, termination, or withdrawal. The school shall then refund the charges paid by the student. Uniforms that have been worn cannot be returned because of health and sanitary reasons. If the student fails to return unmarked textbooks, unworn uniforms or new equipment within 30 days, the school may retain the cost of the items that has been paid by the student. The student may then retain the equipment without further financial obligation to the school.

## **TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH INSTITUTION IS TO ISSUE REFUNDS**

Refunds will be issued within 30 days of either the date of determination or from the date that the applicant was not accepted by the school, whichever is applicable.

## **EFFECT OF A LEAVE OF ABSENCE ON REFUNDS**

If a student does not return from an approved leave of absence (when applicable) on the date indicated on the written request, monies will be refunded. The refund calculation will be based on the student's last date of attendance. The DOD is the date the student was scheduled to return.

## **STUDENTS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

### **CONTINUING STUDENTS**

Continuing students called to active military duty are entitled to the following:

- If tuition and fees are collected in advance of the withdrawal, a strict institutional pro rata refund of any tuition, fees, or other charges paid by the student for the program and a cancellation of any unpaid tuition, fees, or other charges owed by the student for the portion of the program the student does not complete following withdrawal for active military service ("WZ").

### **CONTINUING MODULAR DIPLOMA STUDENTS**

Continuing modular diploma students who have completed 50% or less of their program are entitled to a full refund of tuition, fees, and other charges paid. Such students who have completed more than 50% of their program are entitled to a strict institutional pro rata refund.

## **STUDENT FINANCING OPTIONS**

The school offers a variety of student financing options to help students finance their educational costs. Detailed information regarding financing options available and the Financial Aid process can be obtained from the school's Student Financial Planning Brochure. Information regarding other sources of financial assistance such as benefits available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans Assistance and State Programs can be obtained through those agencies.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Financial assistance (aid) in the form of grants and loans is available to eligible applicants who have the ability and desire to benefit from the specialized program/training offered at the school.

## **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

To receive financial assistance, you must have the following:

1. Usually, have financial need
2. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
3. Have a social security number
4. If male, be registered with the Selective Service
5. If currently attending school, be making satisfactory academic progress
6. Be enrolled as a regular student in any of the school's eligible programs
7. Not be in default on any federally-guaranteed loan

## **FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

The following is a description of the Federal Financial Aid Programs available at the school. Additional information regarding these programs, eligibility requirements, the financial aid process and disbursement of aid can be obtained through the school's Student Financial Planning Brochure, the school's Student Finance Office, and the U.S.

Department of Education's Guide to Federal Student Aid, which provides a detailed description of these programs. The guide is available online at:

[http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student\\_guide/index.html](http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html)

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work Study (FWS)
- Federal Direct Stafford Loans (FSL)
- Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

### **ALTERNATIVE LOAN PROGRAMS**

If your primary financing option does not fully cover your program costs, alternative financing options can help bridge that financial gap. Private loan programs are convenient, affordable and easy to use.

- There are alternative loans provided by private lenders.
- The rate may be variable and the loan approved and origination fees may be based on credit.
- Repayment terms may vary based on lender programs.
- Student may apply on their own or with a co-borrower.

Please see one of the Student Finance Planners for further information.

### **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, INCLUDING YOUTH, ADULT AND DISPLACED WORKERS**

This campus is recognized by many public and non-profit organizations as an approved institution to support state and local workforce education and employment initiatives. As educational benefit programs become available, the campuses seek eligibility with the funding organizations. Therefore, if you are unemployed, under employed, or otherwise eligible youth or adult, you may qualify for various workforce educational benefit programs. Eligibility criteria for workforce educational assistance and benefits available vary by state, community and school, so check with the funding organization to see whether you qualify.

#### **DREAM AWARD PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Graduates of any Corinthian Colleges, Inc. (CCi) school may be nominated for the CCi-sponsored Dream Award program. Scholarship awards must be used within two years of the award and they are not transferrable nor can they be exchanged for cash.

**Campus Dream Award:** Each campus will nominate one recent graduate from the campus to represent the campus in the award competition. Nominations are accepted from April 1 to June 30 each year. Selection of the nominee is based on a review of recent graduates within the past three years by the Campus Selection Committee. The selected nominee should be a graduate whose life story could have gone in any direction, but whose decision to attend a CCi school was a turning point for them. The selected nominee should be an inspiration and motivation to other students. Each Campus Dream Award recipient will receive:

1. A scholarship worth \$2,500 that may be used at any CCi campus for training that is more advanced than the one from which the nominee has graduated, and
2. A trophy.

**Corinthian Dream Award:** Following the close of the nomination period for the Campus Dream Award, the Corinthian Dream Award recipient will be selected from the campus nominees by the Corinthian Colleges Selection Committee, composed of the Executive Management Team of CCi. The award will be given to the nominee with the most compelling story and highest level of achievement. The award will be announced to the winner by the end of August and will be presented at the Fall CCi Presidents' Meeting. The award will include:

1. A full scholarship that may be used at any CCi campus for training that is more advanced than the program from which the recipient has graduated,
2. An all expenses paid trip to the Fall Presidents' Meeting,
3. A trophy,
4. A letter of recognition from the CCi CEO and COO, and
5. A nomination to the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU) Great Award.

Additional information regarding this award and scholarship program may be requested from the Campus President.

#### **IMAGINE AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP**

This institution participates in the Imagine America scholarship program operated by the Career Training Foundation of Washington D.C. Under this scholarship program, two \$1,000 Imagine America scholarships are available at each participating high school and can be awarded to two graduating high school seniors from that school.

Scholarship certificates are sent directly to the high school from the Career Training Foundation of Washington D.C. The high school guidance counselor and the high school principal select the students of their choice to receive the award. Certificates have to be signed by the counselor and principal to be valid. The chosen high school seniors can each only receive one Imagine America scholarship.

Imagine America scholarship certificates are to be given to the Financial Aid Office prior to class commencement, are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. Scholarship certificates will be accepted until the end of the year in which they are awarded. The scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with any of the other two types of scholarships offered by the school.

### **MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

As a sign of appreciation to our friends in uniform and their families, the following are eligible to apply for the Military Scholarship: military personnel serving in the Armed Forces, which include the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Activated Guard/Reserve and U.S. Coast Guard, military spouses of active military personnel serving in the Armed Forces, veterans using Veterans Affairs (“VA”) education benefits, and spouses or other dependents using VA education benefits.

The Scholarship includes a quarterly tuition stipend applied as a credit to the student's account and no cash payments will be awarded to the student. Scholarship funds are set at the beginning of each fiscal year and are awarded on a continuing basis until funds for the fiscal year are depleted. Scholarship awards may not exceed 50% of tuition charged for the term. The scholarship is non-transferrable and non-substitutable and cannot be combined with any other program. The scholarship or program with the greatest benefit to the student will be applied. Applications may be requested from the Admissions Office.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must meet entrance requirements for their program of study. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements listed above and provide proof of eligibility by submitting a copy of official military documentation with their application. Proof of eligibility includes valid military identification card, Leave and Earnings Statement, DD214, Certificate of Eligibility. The scholarship may be renewed from quarter-to-quarter so long as the recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements, remains enrolled, maintains satisfactory academic progress, and maintains a 2.50 cumulative grade point average.

#### **Payment Schedule:**

<b>Member Status</b>	<b>Military Scholarship Amount</b>
<b>U.S. Military Service Member</b> – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Activated National Guard or Activated Reservist	50% of tuition
<b>Veteran</b> – veteran using VA or other military education benefits	10% of tuition
<b>Military Spouse</b> – spouse of active-duty military personnel serving in the Armed Forces	10% of tuition
<b>Military spouse or dependent</b> – spouse or dependent using military education benefits	10% of tuition
<b>Other</b> – service member, veteran or family member not listed above and using military education benefits	10% of tuition

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES**

### **STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Everest does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, citizenship status, gender identity or status, veteran or marital status in the administration of its educational and admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other school-administered programs. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended and Section 504, Everest provides qualified applicants and students who have disabilities with reasonable accommodations that do not impose undue hardship.

### **DISABILITY**

Everest complies with federal laws including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. The Campus President has been designated the Section 504/ADA Coordinator and will coordinate the efforts of Everest to comply with all relevant disability laws. Inquiries should be directed to this person at the campus contact information located in this catalog.

## **DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION PROCEDURE**

Everest's disability accommodation procedure is a collaborative and interactive process between the student and the Section 504/ADA Coordinator. The student will meet with the Section 504/ADA Coordinator on campus to request and submit an Accommodation Request form and discuss disability related needs. The Section 504/ADA Coordinator is available to the student to assist with questions and provide assistance in filling out the Accommodations Request form. The student will provide a completed Accommodations Request form and documentation of their medical condition to the Section 504/ADA Coordinator for review. The documentation of a medical condition may be from a licensed medical doctor, psychologist, audiologist, speech pathologist, registered nurse, licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, rehabilitation counselor, physical therapist, learning disability specialist, or other appropriate health professional. This documentation should verify the medical condition and suggest appropriate accommodations for the student. If the accommodation is denied, the student is informed of their right to appeal the decision and the necessary steps to file an appeal.

To file an appeal the student should supply documentation and/or other evidence to substantiate the need for the denied accommodation(s). The evidence is submitted to the Section 504/ADA Coordinator with a new accommodation form marked appeal.

## **DISABILITY GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

A student initiates the Disability Grievance Procedure by contacting the Section 504/ADA Coordinator. The Section 504/ADA Coordinator will explain the complaint procedures and assist the student in filing a complaint. The complaint need only be a written letter containing allegations that specifically identify the discriminatory conduct, the person(s) who did it, and all witnesses the student believes can support the allegations. A complaint should be made as soon as the student believes he/she has been discriminated against, but no later than within 180 days of the date that the alleged discrimination occurred, or the date on which the student could reasonably have learned of the discrimination. When a complaint is filed, the Section 504/ADA Coordinator begins an investigation within 14 days. The student, the accused, and any witnesses they identify are interviewed. Any relevant documents identified by these persons are reviewed. Within 45 days of the complaint, the Section 504/ADA Coordinator informs the student and accused in writing of sufficient or insufficient evidence to confirm the student's allegations, states the key facts, reasons why that conclusion was reached, and outlines any proposed resolution or corrective action if applicable. The student is also notified of the right to appeal the investigation conclusion. An appeal must be made in writing to the CCI Director of Academic Services, who may be reached at the Student Help Line number or email address below within 15 days of receiving notice about the investigation conclusion. Within 15 days of receiving the appeal, the CCI Director of Academic Services reviews the matter and provides a decision in writing.

Complaints are investigated in a manner that protects the privacy and confidentiality of the parties to the extent possible. No employee or agent of the school may intimidate, threaten, coerce or otherwise discriminate or retaliate against any individual because he or she has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. If a student believes any such retaliation has occurred, a complaint of retaliation should be filed according to the procedure described above.

If the 504/ADA Coordinator is the subject of the grievance, the student should contact the Student Help Line at (800) 874-0255 or via email at [StudentServices@cci.edu](mailto:StudentServices@cci.edu). The Student Helpline in consultation with the appropriate Academic Services team member(s) will provide guidance to the student for initiating and submitting their grievance in writing to [StudentServices@cci.edu](mailto:StudentServices@cci.edu).

## **CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

The Code of Student Conduct applies at all times to all students. As used in this Code, a student is any individual who has been accepted or is enrolled in school. Student status lasts until an individual graduates, is withdrawn, or is otherwise not in attendance for more than 180 consecutive calendar days.

Everest seeks to create an environment that promotes integrity, academic achievement, and personal responsibility. All schools should be free from violence, threats and intimidation, and the rights, opportunities, and welfare of students must be protected at all times.

To this end, the following Code of Student Conduct sets forth the standards of behavior expected of students as well as the process that must be followed when a student is accused of violating those standards. Reasonable deviations from the procedures contained herein will not invalidate a decision or proceeding unless, in the sole discretion of the school, the deviation(s) significantly prejudice the student. The School President (or designee) is responsible for appropriately recording and enforcing the outcome of all disciplinary matters.

## **CONDUCT AFFECTING THE SAFETY OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY**

Everest reserves the right to take all necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community. The School President (or designee) may immediately suspend any student whose conduct threatens the health and/or safety of any person(s) or property. The suspension shall remain in effect until the matter is resolved through the disciplinary process. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Possessing alcohol or other intoxicants, drugs, firearms, explosives, weapons, dangerous devices, or dangerous chemicals on school premises
- Theft



- Vandalism or misuse of school, or another's property
- Harassment or intimidation of others
- Endangerment, assault, or infliction of physical harm

### **OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

Additionally, disciplinary action may be initiated against any student(s) based upon reasonable suspicion of attempting to commit, or assisting in the commission of any of the following prohibited forms of conduct:

- Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty
- Forgery, falsification, alteration or misuse of documents, funds, or property
- Any disruptive or obstructive actions, including:
  - The use of cell phones or other electronic devices for voice or text communication in the classroom, unless permitted by the instructor
  - The inappropriate use of electronic or other devices to make an audio, video, or photographic record of any person while on school premises without his/her prior knowledge or effective consent
- Failure to comply with school policies or directives
- Any other action(s) that interfere with the learning environment or the rights of others
- Violations of local, state, provincial, or federal law

**Note:** This list is not exhaustive, but rather offers examples of unacceptable behavior which may result in disciplinary action.

### **LIMITATIONS ON STUDENTS WITH PENDING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

Any student with a pending disciplinary matter shall not be allowed to:

- Enroll or attend classes at another Corinthian Colleges Inc. (CCi) school;
- Graduate or participate in graduation ceremonies; or
- Engage in any other activities proscribed by the School President.

Additionally, if a student withdraws from school at any point during the disciplinary process, the student is not eligible for readmission to any CCi school prior to resolving the outstanding disciplinary issue.

### **INQUIRY BY THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT**

If the School President (or designee), in his or her sole discretion, has reason to believe that a student has violated the Code of Student Conduct, the School President (or designee) shall conduct a reasonable inquiry and determine an appropriate course of action. If the School President (or designee) determines that a violation has not occurred, no further action shall be taken.

### **CONDUCT WHICH DOES NOT WARRANT A SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL**

If the School President (or designee), in his or her sole discretion, determines that the student's behavior may have violated this Code but does not warrant a suspension or dismissal, the School President (or designee) shall promptly provide the student with a written warning. Multiple written warnings may result in a suspension or dismissal.

### **CONDUCT WHICH WARRANTS A SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL**

If the School President (or designee), in his or her sole discretion, determines that the student's behavior warrants a suspension or dismissal, the School President (or designee) shall promptly provide the student with a written notice of the following:

- The conduct for which the sanction is being imposed;
- The specific sanction being imposed; and
- The right to appeal if a written request is filed by the student within (5) calendar days of the date of the written notice.

### **ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE STATEMENT**

Everest does not permit or condone the use or possession of marijuana, alcohol, or any other illegal drug, narcotic, or controlled substance by students. Possession of these substances on campus is cause for dismissal.

### **STUDENT USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES POLICY**

IT resources may only be used for legitimate purposes, and may not be used for any other purpose which is illegal, unethical, dishonest, damaging to the reputation of the school, or likely to subject the school to liability. Impermissible uses include, but are not limited to:

- Harassment;
- Libel or slander;
- Fraud or misrepresentation;
- Any use that violates local, state/provincial, or federal law and regulation;
- Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications;

- Disruption or unauthorized changes to the configuration of antivirus software or any other security monitoring software;
- Unauthorized copying, downloading, file sharing, or transmission of copyright-protected material, including music;
- Violations of licensing agreements;
- Accessing another person's account without permission;
- Introducing computer viruses, worms, Trojan Horses, or other programs that are harmful to computer systems, computers, or software;
- The use of restricted access computer resources or electronic information without or beyond a user's level of authorization;
- Providing information about or lists of CCI users or students to parties outside CCI without expressed written permission;
- Downloading or storing company or student private information on portable computers or mobile storage devices;
- Making computing resources available to any person or entity not affiliated with the school;
- Posting, downloading, viewing, or sending obscene, pornographic, sexually explicit, hate related, or other offensive material;
- Academic dishonesty as defined in the Code of Student Code;
- Use of CCI logos, trademarks, or copyrights without prior approval;
- Use for private business or commercial purposes.

### **COPYRIGHT POLICY**

It is the intention of Everest to strictly enforce a policy of zero tolerance for copyright violations and to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Any student who engages in the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, is subject to disciplinary actions by the school, or any applicable actions in conjunction with federal and state law.

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

Everest strives to provide and maintain an environment free of all forms of harassment. Behavior toward any student by a member of the staff, faculty, or student body that constitutes unwelcome sexual advances will be dealt with quickly and vigorously and will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any student who believes that he or she is a victim of sexual harassment should immediately notify the office of the School President. The School President will conduct an investigation of all allegations. Information surrounding all complaints will be documented and kept strictly confidential.

### **SANCTIONS**

Sanctions should be commensurate with the nature of the student's conduct. All sanctions imposed should be designed to discourage the student from engaging in future misconduct and whenever possible should draw upon educational resources to bring about a lasting and reasoned change in behavior.

**Suspension** – A sanction by which the student is not allowed to attend class for a specific period of time. Satisfactory completion of certain conditions may be required prior to the student's return at the end of the suspension period. During a period of suspension, a student shall not be admitted to any other CCI school.

**Note:** Student absences resulting from a suspension shall remain in the attendance record regardless of the outcome of any disciplinary investigation or the decision of the Student Conduct Committee.

**Dismissal** – A sanction by which the student is withdrawn from school. Such students may only reapply for admission with the approval of the School President. Students dismissed from the school remain responsible for any outstanding balance owed to the school.

### **APPEAL PROCESS**

Students are entitled to appeal any sanction which results in suspension or dismissal. The appeal must be in writing and filed within five (5) calendar days of the date of the written notice. If the student files a timely appeal, the School President (or designee) shall convene a Student Conduct Committee to conduct the hearing. The Committee shall generally include the School President, the Academic Dean/Director of Education, a Program or Department Chair, the Student Services Coordinator, or a faculty member. The members of the Committee shall select a Chair. If the alleged violation involves allegations of sexual misconduct committed against faculty or staff, the Committee must include a representative from Corporate or Division Human Resources.

The Committee Chair shall timely schedule a hearing date, and provide written notice to the student. The notice must be mailed or otherwise delivered to the student at least two (2) calendar days prior to the scheduled hearing date, and include notice that the student may:

- Appear in person, but is not required to appear
- Submit a written statement
- Respond to evidence and question the statements of others

- Invite relevant witnesses to testify on his/her behalf
- Submit written statements signed by relevant witnesses

Attendance at the hearing is limited to those directly involved or those requested to appear. Hearings are not open to the public and are not recorded.

The Student Conduct Committee shall:

- Provide the student a full and reasonable opportunity to explain his/her conduct
- Invite relevant witnesses to testify or submit signed statements
- Reach a decision based upon the information submitted prior to the hearing and the testimony and information of the student and witnesses at the hearing
- If the student does not appear, or elects not to appear, the Committee may proceed in the student's absence and the decision will have the same force and effect as if the student had been present

The Student Conduct Committee shall issue a written decision to the student within five (5) calendar days of the date of the hearing which may:

- Affirm the finding and sanction imposed by the School President (or designee)
- Affirm the finding and modify the sanction. Sanctions may only be reduced if found to be grossly disproportionate to the offense
- Disagree with the previous finding and sanction and dismiss the matter. A matter may be dismissed only if the original finding is found to be arbitrary and capricious

The decision of the Student Conduct Committee is final, and no further appeal is permitted.

## RECORDS OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

All disciplinary files shall be kept separate from the student academic files until resolved. Disciplinary files for students who have violated the Code of Student Conduct shall be retained as part of the student's academic file and considered "education records" as appropriate, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Disciplinary records shall be retained in the student's academic file permanently and a note shall be included in the official student information system indicating the date of the disciplinary decision and the sanction imposed.

When circumstances warrant, disciplinary matters shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Additionally, disciplinary records shall be reported to third parties as applicable (e.g. Veteran's Administration).

## STUDENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Complaints are defined as any student concern regarding school programs, services, or staff not addressed by other school policies. Students have the right to file a complaint with the school at any time. Students are encouraged to first attempt to informally resolve their complaint with the instructor or staff member in the department most directly connected with their complaint. Students who are unable to resolve their complaint informally should submit their complaint in writing to the School President. The President will meet with the student to discuss the complaint and provide the student with a written response within seven (7) calendar days of the meeting. Students who are not satisfied with the response of the President may contact the Student Help Line at (800) 874-0255 or email at [studentservices@cci.edu](mailto:studentservices@cci.edu).

Schools accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges must have a procedure and operational plan for handling student complaints. If a student does not feel that the school has adequately addressed a complaint or concern, the student may consider contacting the Accrediting Commission. All complaints reviewed by the Commission must be in written form and should grant permission for the Commission to forward a copy of the complaint to the school for a response. This can be accomplished by filing the ACCSC Complaint Form. The complainant(s) will be kept informed as to the status of the complaint as well as the final resolution by the Commission. Please direct all inquiries to:

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges  
2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
(703) 247-4212  
[www.accsc.org](http://www.accsc.org)

A copy of the ACCSC Complaint Form is available at the school and may be obtained by contacting the School President or online at [www.accsc.org](http://www.accsc.org).

Students may also contact and file a complaint with the state's agency and the state's Attorney General's office at the following mailing addresses. No adverse action will be taken against a student for filling a complaint.

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission  
2189 Northlake Parkway, Building 10, Suite 100  
Tucker, Georgia 30084-5305  
Phone: (770) 414-3300  
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## **DRESS CODE**

Students must adhere to the campus dress code standards and are expected to dress in a manner that would not be construed as detrimental to the student body, the educational process or wear any clothing that has expressed or implied offensive symbols or language. Students should always be aware of the first impression of proper dress code and grooming, and note that Everest promotes a business atmosphere where instructors and guests are professionals and potential employers. In addition, students may be required to wear uniforms that present a professional appearance.

## **NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records\*. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the institution receives a request for access.

A student should submit to the Registrar's Office a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The Registrar will make arrangements for access and will notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the Registrar, the Registrar shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the institution to amend a record should write to the Registrar, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the institution decides not to amend the record as requested, the institution will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the institution discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

The institution discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the institution in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position; a person or company with whom the institution has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using institution employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, collection agent, campus security personnel and a health provider); a person serving the institution in an advisory capacity; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks, or an accreditor or an official of the state's department of education. Please note that in certain circumstances, such as with an infectious disease health threat or security threat, the school may disclose individually identifiable information without notice.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the institution.

Upon request, the institution also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

From time to time the institution publishes communications, such as graduation and honor roll lists that include students' names and programs of study. A student who wishes not to be included should put that request in writing to the Registrar.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202

**Note: The school does not publish a directory of education records.**

## **STUDENT RECORDS**

All student academic records are retained, secured, and disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. Everest maintains complete records for each student, including grades, attendance, prior education and training, placement, financial aid and awards received. Student records should be maintained on campus for five years.

## **TRANSCRIPT AND DIPLOMA RELEASE**

Student academic transcripts are available upon written request by the student. Student records may be released only to the student or his/her designee as directed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Transcript and diploma requests must be made in writing to the Office of the Registrar. Official transcripts will be released to students who are current with their financial obligation to the school. Diplomas will be released to students who are current with their financial obligation upon completion of their school program.

## **CAMPUS SECURITY AND CRIME AWARENESS POLICIES**

As required by Public Law 101-542, as amended by Public Law 102-325, Title II, Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, Section 294, Policy and Statistical Disclosures, Everest has established policies regarding campus security.

Everest strives to provide its students with a secure and safe environment. Classrooms and laboratories comply with the requirements of the various federal, state and local building codes, with the Board of Health and Fire Marshal regulations. Most campuses are equipped with alarm systems to prevent unauthorized entry. Facilities are opened each morning and closed each evening by administrative personnel.

In emergency situations, students should call 911 for an immediate response from the local law enforcement agency. Thereafter, the crime should be reported to the Campus President (or designee). In non-emergency situations, the crime should be reported as soon as possible to the Campus President (or designee) and the local law enforcement agency. All students are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety incidents to the Campus President (or designee) in a timely manner. The Campus President (or designee) shall document each incident reported and determine an appropriate response based on the nature of the incident. All victims of crime that occur on campus shall be provided with the opportunity to report the incidents to the local law enforcement authority.

Students are responsible for their own security and safety both on-campus and off-campus and must be considerate of the security and safety of others. The school has no responsibility or obligation for any personal belongings that are lost, stolen or damaged, whether on or off school premises or during any school activities.

On May 17, 1996, the President of the United States signed Megan's Law into federal law. As a result, local law enforcement agencies in all 50 states must notify schools, day care centers, and parents about the presence of dangerous offenders in their area. Students are advised that the best source of information on the registered sex offenders in the community is the local sheriff's office or police department. The following link will provide you with a list of the most recent updated online information regarding registered sex offenders by state and county: <http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/cac/registry.htm>.

## **DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS POLICY**

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, Public Law 101-226, requires institutions receiving financial assistance to implement and enforce drug prevention programs and policies. Students shall receive a copy of the Drug-Free Schools/Drug-Free Workplace Annual Disclosure upon enrollment, and thereafter no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year they are enrolled. The information and referral line that directs callers to treatment centers in the local community is available through Student Services.

Everest prohibits the manufacture and unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol by students on its property and at any school activity. If students suspect someone to be under the influence of any drug or alcohol, they should immediately bring this concern to the attention of the Academic Dean/Director of Education or Campus President. Students who violate the school's prohibitions against alcohol, controlled substances, and drugs are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the school. Information on the disciplinary process may be found in the school catalog. When circumstances warrant, a violation of this policy may also be referred to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

In certain cases, students may be referred to counseling sources or substance abuse centers. If such a referral is made, continued enrollment is subject to successful completion of any prescribed counseling or treatment program.

## **STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

Everest is required to report to students the occurrence of various criminal offenses on an annual basis. On or before October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the school will distribute a security report to students containing the required statistical information on campus crimes committed during the previous three years. A copy of this report is available to prospective students upon request.

## **CAMPUS COMPLETION RATE REPORTS**

Under the Student Right to Know Act (20 U.S.C. § 1092(a)), Everest is required to annually prepare completion or graduation rate data respecting the institution's first-time, full-time undergraduate students (34 CFR 668.45(a)(1)). Everest is required to make this completion or graduation rate data readily available to students approximately 12

months after the 150% point for program completion or graduation for a particular cohort of students. This completion rate report is available to students and prospective students upon request.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **ORIENTATION**

New students participate in an orientation program prior to beginning classes. This program is designed to acquaint students with the policies of the school and introduce them to staff and faculty members who will play an important part in the students' academic progress.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Everest does not provide health services.

### **HOUSING**

Everest does not provide on-campus housing; however, it does assist students in locating suitable housing off campus. For a list of available housing, students should contact the Student Services Department.

### **STUDENT ADVISING**

Academic advising is coordinated by the Academic Dean/Director of Education and includes satisfactory academic progress and attendance. The Registrar and Academic Program Directors serve as advisors and assist students in course selection and registration, dropping and adding courses, change of major, and meeting graduation requirements.

### **EVEREST CARE PROGRAM**

The Everest CARE Student Assistance program is a free personal-support program for our students and their families. This program provides enrolled students direct and confidential access to professional counseling. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.everestcares.com> or call (888) 852-6238.

### **PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE**

Everest maintains an active Career Services Office to assist graduates in locating entry-level, educationally related career opportunities. The Career Services Office works directly with business, industry, and advisory board members to assist all students with access to the marketplace. Everest does not, in any way, guarantee employment. It is the goal of the Career Services Office to help all students realize a high degree of personal and professional development and successful employment. Specific information on job opportunities and basic criteria applicable to all students and graduates utilizing placement services is available in the Career Services Offices.

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

<b>Program</b>	<b>Credential</b>
Medical Administrative Assistant	Diploma
Medical Assistant	Diploma
Medical Insurance Billing and Coding	Diploma
Surgical Technologist	Diploma

## DIPLOMA PROGRAMS



### **MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

*Diploma Program*

33 weeks – 760 hours – 48 credit units

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The objective of the Medical Administrative Assistant program is to prepare students for entry-level positions as medical administrative assistants in a variety of health care settings. Students study various administrative procedures related to the medical office. Students will learn accounting functions essential to a medical environment, set up patient records and maintain all filing and record keeping, basics of coding with CPT and ICD-9 codes, preparation and processing insurance claims, dictation and transcription, correspondence and mail processing and computerized practice management.

The Medical Administrative Assistant program is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions as medical administrative assistants in a variety of health care settings. Students study various administrative procedures related to the medical office, including patient processing and assessment, processing medical insurance claims, bill collections, and general office procedures utilized in various medical offices. In addition to acquiring manual and hands-on administrative skills, the program is designed to teach students computer and keyboarding skills which enables them to become familiar with the computerized technology that is becoming more visible in the twenty-first century medical office environment.

<b>Module</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Total Clock Hours</b>	<b>Quarter Credit Units</b>
Module A	Office Finance	80	6.0
Module B	Patient Processing and Assisting	80	6.0
Module C	Medical Insurance	80	6.0
Module D	Insurance Plans and Collections	80	6.0
Module E	Office Procedures	80	6.0
Module F	Patient Care and Computerized Practice Management	80	6.0
Module G	Dental Administrative Procedures	80	6.0
Module X	Medical Administrative Assistant Externship	200	6.0
<b>Program Totals:</b>		<b>760</b>	<b>48.0</b>

**Major Equipment:** Autoclave, Calculators, Personal Computers, Patient Examination Table, Stethoscopes, Sphygmomanometer, Transcription Machine

<p><b>Module A - Office Finance</b></p> <p>Module A introduces accounting functions essential to a medical environment. Students learn basic bookkeeping procedures and apply them to a bookkeeping project and accounting system. Students will also complete assignments writing payroll checks and keeping check registers. Patient billing is an integral portion of the module, including tracing delinquent claims and insurance problem solving. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by learning how to cultivate the right on-the-job attitude, assembling a working wardrobe and identifying the strategies it takes to become the best in your new job so that you can advance in your career. They also become familiar with essential medical terminology. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Lecture Hours: 40.0 Lab Hours: 40.0 Outside Hours: 20.0</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>
<p><b>Module B - Patient Processing and Assisting</b></p> <p>In Module B, students learn to set up patient records and maintain and organize them manually and electronically. Students become familiar with records management systems and develop skills in alphabetic filing and indexing, and appointment scheduling. The basics of health insurance are introduced, as well the basic of coding with CPT and ICD-9 codes. Students are trained in vital signs, and a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course is taught. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by identifying their personal career objective. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Lecture Hours: 40.0 Lab Hours: 40.0 Outside Hours: 20.0</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>
<p><b>Module C - Medical Insurance</b></p> <p>Module C develops student proficiency in preparing and processing insurance claims. Students study insurance programs, including HMOs, PPOs, and worker's compensation plans. National coding systems used for claims processing are studied. Students learn to obtain information from patient charts and ledgers to complete insurance forms accurately. Students are given hypothetical insurance billing situations and select appropriate forms, codes, and procedures to process insurance claims for optimal reimbursement. Office &amp; insurance collection strategies are also included. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by developing career networking techniques that will assist you in</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>



<p>being successful in the medical field. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Lecture Hours: 40.0 Lab Hours: 40.0 Outside Hours: 20.0</p>	
<p><b>Module D - Insurance Plans and Collections</b></p> <p>Module D develops student proficiency in preparing and processing insurance claims. The Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE, and CHAMPVA programs are discussed. Students learn to obtain information from patient charts and ledgers to complete insurance forms accurately. They also focus on important aspects of the collection process including collection letters, telephone calls, and collection servicing agencies. They will also learn about Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and the use of universal precautions in the medical office. Medical ethics and law are also included. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by identifying and demonstrating what a successful job interview contains and how to answer common interview questions accurately. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Lecture Hours: 40.0 Lab Hours: 40.0 Outside Hours: 20.0</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>
<p><b>Module E - Office Procedures</b></p> <p>In Module E, students are introduced to dictation and transcription. Emphasis is also placed on correspondence and mail processing, health information management and the medical facility environment. Students will also become familiar with disability income insurance and legal issues affecting insurance claims. In addition, students learn about the Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act (HIPAA). Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search by learning how to set their own career goals. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Lecture Hours: 40.0 Lab Hours: 40.0 Outside Hours: 20.0</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>
<p><b>Module F - Patient Care and Computerized Practice Management</b></p> <p>Module F emphasizes computerized practice management, including file maintenance, patient records, bookkeeping and insurance. Students will learn the health insurance claim form and managed care systems. Hospital billing is introduced this module. Students will also learn about the history of the healthcare industry and the Medical Assisting Profession. In addition, students learn basic techniques for taking patients vital signs. They learn OSHA standards and the use of universal precautions in the medical office. Students study essential medical terminology, build on keyboarding and word processing skills, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Lecture Hours: 40.0 Lab Hours: 40.0 Outside Hours: 20.0</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>
<p><b>Module G - Dental Administrative Procedures</b></p> <p>Module G focuses on basic administrative procedures performed in the dental office. Students are introduced to the dental health team with emphasis on the tasks performed by the administrative support staff. Specialized procedures including appointment scheduling, bookkeeping, dental charting, processing patients, insurance billing and coding, and law and ethics are presented. Students are also given an introduction to radiography and radiation safety. Students will do vital signs. They discuss interpersonal skills and human relations, telephone techniques, and patient reception techniques. Students build on keyboarding and word processing skills, become familiar with essential dental terminology, and become familiar with the self-directed job search process by learning how to dress for success. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Lecture Hours: 40.0 Lab Hours: 40.0 Outside Hours: 20.0</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>
<p><b>Module X - Medical Administrative Assistant Externship</b></p> <p>This course is 200 hours of supervised, practical in-service experience in a medical office or clinic in which the student practices direct application of all administrative functions of the medical administrative assistant. Prerequisites: Completion of Modules A-G. Lecture Hours: 0.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 200</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>



**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
*Diploma Program*  
 33 weeks – 760 hours – 48 credit units

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The Medical Assistant diploma program is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions as medical assistants in a variety of health care settings. Students learn the structure and function of the major body systems in conjunction with medical terminology, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, computer skills, administrative processes, bookkeeping and accounting practices, and the processing of medical insurance forms and claims.

In recent years, the medical assisting profession has become indispensable to the health care field. Physicians have become more reliant on medical assistants for their front and back office skills. Medical offices and ambulatory care providers, clinics, urgent care centers and insurance providers are seeking their services.

The goal of the Medical Assistant diploma program is to prepare competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains required and necessary to prepare them for entry level positions such as clinical or administrative assistant and medical receptionist.

**Note:** Medical Assistant graduates are immediately eligible to sit for the RMA (Registered Medical Assistant) Examination and the CMA (Certified Medical Assistant) Examination. Candidates who pass the exam are considered Registered Medical Assistants or Certified Medical Assistants (AAMA) depending on which certification exam they take.

Module	Module Title	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Units
Module A	Patient Care and Communication	80	6.0
Module B	Clinical Assisting and Pharmacology	80	6.0
Module C	Medical Insurance, Bookkeeping and Health Sciences	80	6.0
Module D	Cardiopulmonary and Electrocardiography	80	6.0
Module E	Laboratory Procedures	80	6.0
Module F	Endocrinology and Reproduction	80	6.0
Module G	Medical Law, Ethics, and Psychology	80	6.0
Module X	Externship	200	6.0
	<b>Program Totals:</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>48.0</b>

**Major Equipment:** Autoclave, Microscopes, Calculators, Personal Computers, Electrocardiography Machine, Sphygmomanometers, Examination Tables, Stethoscopes, Hematology Testing Equipment, Surgical Instruments, Mayo Stands, Training Manikins

<p><b>Module A - Patient Care and Communication</b></p> <p>Module A emphasizes patient care, including physical examinations and procedures related to the eyes and ears, the nervous system, and the integumentary system. Students will have an opportunity to work with and review patient charts and perform front office skills related to records management, appointment scheduling, and bookkeeping. Students gain skills in communication (verbal and nonverbal) when working with patients both on the phone and in person. Students develop working knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology of the special senses (eyes and ears), nervous and integumentary systems, common diseases and disorders, and medical terminology related to these systems. Students check vital signs, obtain blood samples, and prepare and administer injections. Also introduced are strategies for dealing with change, setting goals, and getting motivated. Students learn how to prepare an attractive business letter, along with demonstrating increasing speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard and in medical transcription. Students build on their keyboarding and word processing skills related to word processing and spreadsheet programs, with acceptable progress through the identified text(s). Lec Hrs: 40, Lab Hrs: 40, Other Hrs: 0</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>
<p><b>Module B - Clinical Assisting and Pharmacology</b></p> <p>Module B stresses the importance of asepsis and sterile technique in today's health care environment, along with the proper use of personal protective equipment. Students learn about basic bacteriology and its relationship to infection and disease control. Students identify the purpose and expectations of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regarding disease transmission in the medical facility. Students study basic math concepts to prepare for medication dosage calculations. Students learn the principles and various methods of administering medication. Basic pharmacology and the uses, inventory, classification, and effects of therapeutic drugs are included. Students participate in the positioning and draping of patients for various examinations and prepare for assisting with minor office surgical procedures. Students gain knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology of the muscular system, common diseases and disorders, and medical terminology related to this system. Students check vital signs, obtain blood samples, and prepare and administer injections. Also introduced are strategies for setting and accomplishing personal goals, along with how to succeed in accomplishing these goals. Students describe how to handle numbers, symbols, and abbreviations in transcribed</p>	<p><b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b></p>

material and demonstrate increasing speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard and in medical transcription. Students build on their keyboarding and word processing skills related to word processing and spreadsheet programs, with acceptable progress through the identified text(s). Lec Hrs: 40, Lab Hrs: 40, Other Hrs: 0

**Module C - Medical Insurance, Bookkeeping, and Health Sciences**

**6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Module C introduces students to the health care environment, office emergencies, and first aid, with an emphasis on bandaging techniques for wounds and injuries. Students will discuss types of disasters and the medical assistant's role in emergency preparedness and assisting during and after a disaster. Students learn bookkeeping procedures, accounts receivable and payable, financial management, banking, and check-writing procedures essential to the successful operation of the medical office. Students study the administrative and clinical uses of the electronic health record. Students develop working knowledge of good health, nutrition, weight control, and strategies in promoting good health in patients. They acquire knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology, common diseases and disorders, and medical terminology of the digestive system. Students check vital signs, obtain blood samples, and prepare and administer injections. They are introduced to strategies for building active reading and comprehension skills, along with techniques for managing time. Students practice transcribing accurate medical record notes and correcting erroneous entries, along with demonstrating increasing speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard and in medical transcription. Students build on their keyboarding and word processing skills related to word processing and spreadsheet programs, with acceptable progress through the identified text(s). Lec Hrs: 40, Lab Hrs: 40, Other Hrs: 0

**Module D - Cardiopulmonary and Electrocardiography**

**6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Module D examines the circulatory and respiratory systems, including the structure and function of the heart and lungs, along with diseases, disorders, diagnostic tests, anatomy and physiology, and medical terminology associated with these systems. Students apply knowledge of the electrical pathways of the heart muscle in preparation for applying electrocardiography leads and recording a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG). Students receive instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), which enables them to respond to cardiac emergencies. Students check vital signs and differentiate between normal values for pediatric and adult patients. Students obtain blood samples and prepare and administer injections. Students will discuss how to apply critical and creative thinking skills to analyzing and problem solving in the workplace and everyday life. Students study the preparation of a history and physical examination report, along with demonstrating increasing speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard and in medical transcription. Students build on their keyboarding and word processing skills related to word processing and spreadsheet programs, with acceptable progress through the identified text(s). Lec Hrs: 40, Lab Hrs: 40, Other Hrs: 0

**Module E - Laboratory Procedures**

**6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Module E introduces microbiology and laboratory procedures commonly performed in a physician's office or medical clinic. Students learn specimen identification, collection, handling and transportation procedures and practice venipuncture and routine diagnostic hematology. Maintenance and care of laboratory equipment and supplies are discussed. Students gain working knowledge of radiology and nuclear medicine, in addition to various radiological examinations and patient preparation for these exams. Anatomy and physiology of the urinary system and the body's immunity, including the structure and functions, as well as common diagnostic exams and disorders related to these systems, is presented. Students perform common laboratory tests, check vital signs, and perform selected invasive procedures. Students learn essential medical terminology related to the body systems and topics introduced in the module. Students learn the skills involved in organizing and writing a paper. Students transcribe miscellaneous medical reports, along with demonstrating increasing speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard and in medical transcription. Students build on their keyboarding and word processing skills related to word processing and spreadsheet programs, with acceptable progress through the identified text(s). Lec Hrs: 40, Lab Hrs: 40, Other Hrs: 0

**Module F - Endocrinology and Reproduction**

**6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Module F covers general anatomy and physiology, including an overview of the study of biology and the various body structures and systems. This module also examines the anatomy, physiology, and functions of the skeletal, endocrine, and reproductive systems, along with medical terminology associated with these systems. Students learn about child growth and development. They develop working knowledge of the skills necessary to assist in a pediatrician's office and learn the important differences that are specific to the pediatric field. Some of the skills students learn in this area are height and weight measurements and restraining techniques used for infants and children. They check vital signs, assist with diagnostic examinations and laboratory tests, and instruct patients regarding health promotion practices. Students gain knowledge of signs and symptoms of possible child abuse or neglect. Students also become familiar with human development across the life span. They will discuss normal and abnormal changes that are part of the aging process and the medical assistant's responsibilities related to the older person. Students check vital signs, obtain blood samples, and prepare and administer injections. Students discuss the importance of the ability to compose business documents and reports and practice composing business documents and e-mails. Students demonstrate increasing speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard and in medical transcription. Students build on their keyboarding and word processing skills related to word processing and spreadsheet programs, with acceptable progress through the identified text(s). Lec Hrs: 40, Lab Hrs: 40, Other Hrs: 0

**Module G - Medical Law, Ethics, and Psychology****6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Module G covers the history and science of the medical field, as well as the medical assistant profession. Students gain working knowledge of concepts related to patient reception in the medical office and preparing for the day. They discuss the importance of professional behavior in the workplace. Students learn what it takes to become an office manager and the responsibilities an office manager has to the office, the staff, and the physician. Students are introduced to medical office safety, security, and emergency provisions. They study how to maintain equipment and inventory. The functions of computers in the medical office are discussed. Students also talk about the role ergonomics plays in the health of the staff and patients. Students learn how to provide mobility assistance and support to patients with special physical and emotional needs, and various physical therapy modalities are discussed. Also introduced are the basic principles of psychology, psychological disorders, diseases, available treatments, and medical terminology related to mental and behavioral health. Medical law and ethics in relation to health care are discussed. Skills and attitudes necessary for success in the workforce are introduced, along with how to create a résumé and follow through with the job search. Students check vital signs, obtain blood samples, and prepare and administer injections. Students demonstrate increasing speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard and build on their keyboarding and word processing skills related to word processing and spreadsheet programs, with acceptable progress through the identified text(s). Lec Hrs: 40, Lab Hrs: 40, Other Hrs: 0

**Module X – Externship****6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Upon successful completion of Modules A through G, Medical Assistant students participate in a 200 hour externship at an approved facility. The externship provides the student an opportunity to apply principles and practices learned in the program and utilize entry level Medical Assistant skills in working with patients. Medical assisting externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel at the participating externship sites, and under general supervision of the school staff. Externs are evaluated by supervisory personnel at the site at 100- and 200-hour intervals. Completed evaluation forms are placed in the students' permanent records. Students must successfully complete their externship experience in order to fulfill requirements for graduation. Lec Hrs: 0, Lab Hrs: 0, Other Hrs: 200



## MEDICAL INSURANCE BILLING AND CODING

*Diploma Program*

33 weeks – 760 hours – 48 credit units

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Medical Insurance Billing and Coding professionals perform a variety of administrative health information functions, including those associated with organizing, analyzing, and technically evaluating health insurance claim forms and coding diseases, surgeries, medical procedures, and other therapies for billing and collection.

The objective of the Medical Insurance Billing and Coding program is to provide the student with the appropriate didactic theory and hands-on skills necessary to prepare them for entry-level positions as medical insurance billers and coders in today's health care offices, clinics, and facilities. Students will study diagnostic and procedural terminology as it relates to the accurate completion of medical insurance claims. Utilizing a format of medical specialties, relevant terms will also be introduced and studied.

The Medical Insurance Billing and Coding program is a 760 clock hour/48.0 credit unit course of study, consisting of seven individual learning units, called modules. Students are required to complete all modules, starting with Module MEDINTRO and continuing in any sequence until all seven modules have been completed. After the MEDINTRO Introductory Module is completed, the remaining six modules stand alone as units of study. If students do not complete any portion of one of these modules, the entire module must be repeated. Upon successful completion all modules, students participate in an externship. This consists of 200 clock hours of hands-on experience working either in a tutorial classroom setting called a practicum or in an outside facility in the field of medical insurance billing and coding.

Module	Module Title	Clock Hours	Credit Units
MEDINTRO	Introduction to Medical Terminology, Keyboarding, Word Processing, Basic Math, Insurance Coding, and Administrative Duties of Medical Personnel	80	6.0
MIBCL	Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems	80	6.0
MIBGU	Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Genitourinary System	80	6.0
MIBIE	Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Integumentary and Endocrine Systems, and Pathology	80	6.0
MIBMS	Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Musculoskeletal System	80	6.0
MIBRG	Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Respiratory and Gastrointestinal Systems	80	6.0
MIBSN	Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Sensory and Nervous Systems, and Psychology	80	6.0
MIBPC	Practicum –OR–	200	6.0
MIBXT	Externship		
<b>Program Totals:</b>		<b>760</b>	<b>48.0</b>

### **MEDINTRO - Introduction to Medical Terminology, Keyboarding, Word Processing, Basic Math, Insurance Coding, and Administrative Duties of Medical Personnel**

**6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

This module presents basic prefixes, suffixes, word roots, combining forms, special endings, plural forms, abbreviations, and symbols. Also covered is medical jurisprudence and medical ethics. Legal aspects of office procedure are covered, including a discussion of various medical/ethical issues in today's medical environment. Students will learn basic computer skills and acquire knowledge of basic medical insurance billing and coding. Students are provided exposure to computer software applications used in the health care environment including basic keyboarding, Word and Excel. In addition, basic guidelines and coding conventions in ICD-9 and CPT with focus on the professional (outpatient) guidelines, as well as an introduction to the use of the coding reference books. Basic math is introduced. Career skills and development of proper study and homework habits are introduced as well as professionalism needed in the healthcare environment. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Prerequisite: None. Lec Hrs: 40 Lab Hrs: 40 Other Hrs: 0 Outside Hrs: 20.0

**MIBCL– Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems** **6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

This module presents a study of basic medical terminology focused on the cardiovascular system, and the lymphatic system. A word-building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms are presented within the module. A study of the human body's diseases and disorders, including signs, symptoms, etiology, diagnosis, and treatment is accomplished following the modular subject areas. Students are provided exposure to computer software applications used in the health care environment including medical billing software, Word and Excel. The major medical insurances and claims form processing is presented in an ongoing approach to build this skill set. It will include information on national and other common insurance plans as well as claim form completion and ICD and CPT coding. Problem solving and managed care systems will also be discussed. Daily financial practices to include patient fee determining, credit arrangements and bookkeeping and bank-keeping procedures will be discussed. Computer use in the ambulatory environment will also be taught. Basic and advanced guidelines and coding conventions in CPT will be taught with focus on the professional (outpatient) guidelines. The evaluation and management documentation guidelines will be discussed, as well as, the proper use of modifiers. Basic guidelines and coding conventions in ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding and medical necessity with CPT pairing will be stressed, as well as the use of a natural language encoder program. Various aspects of pharmacology will be discussed including a study of the medications prescribed for the treatment of illnesses and diseases within the modular subject area. Included in this are drug actions, and medication uses in relation to body systems and medical terminology. To prepare the student to comprehend the complexity of the health care system and the life cycle of a medical practice, areas that will be discussed include personnel management, compliance, technology, and the many roles of office management. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Prerequisite: MEDINTRO Lec Hrs: 40 Lab Hrs: 40 Other Hrs: 0 Outside Hrs: 20.0

**MIBGU – Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Genitourinary System** **6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

This module presents a study of basic medical terminology focused on the genitourinary system. A word-building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms presented within the module. A study of the human body's diseases and disorders, including signs, symptoms, etiology, diagnosis, and treatment is accomplished following the modular subject areas. Students are provided exposure to computer software applications used in the health care environment including medical billing software, Word, and Excel. The major medical insurances and claims form processing is presented in an ongoing approach to build this skill set. It will include information on national and other common insurance plans as well as claim form completion and ICD and CPT coding. Problem solving and managed care systems will also be discussed. Daily financial practices to include patient fee determining, credit arrangements, and bookkeeping and bank-keeping procedures will be discussed. Computer use in the ambulatory environment will also be taught. Basic and advanced guidelines and coding conventions in CPT will be taught with focus on the professional (outpatient) guidelines. The evaluation and management documentation guidelines will be discussed, as well as the proper use of modifiers. Basic guidelines and coding conventions in ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding and medical necessity with CPT pairing will be stressed, as well as the use of a natural language encoder program. Various aspects of pharmacology will be discussed including a study of the medications prescribed for the treatment of illnesses and diseases within the modular subject area. Included in this are drug actions, and medication uses in relation to body systems and medical terminology. To prepare the student to comprehend the complexity of the health care system and the life cycle of a medical practice, areas that will be discussed include personnel management, compliance, technology, and the many roles of office management. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Prerequisite: MEDINTRO Lec Hrs: 40 Lab Hrs: 40 Other Hrs: 0 Outside Hrs: 20.0

**MIBIE – Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Integumentary and Endocrine Systems, and Pathology** **6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

This module presents a study of basic medical terminology focused on the integumentary system, the endocrine system, and pathology. A word-building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms are presented within the module. A study of the human body's diseases and disorders, including signs, symptoms, etiology, diagnosis, and treatment is accomplished following the modular subject areas. Students are provided exposure to computer software applications used in the health care environment including medical billing software, Word and Excel. The major medical insurances and claims form processing is presented in an ongoing approach to build this skill set. It will include information on national and other common insurance plans as well as claim form completion and ICD and CPT coding. Problem solving and managed care systems will also be discussed. Daily financial practices to include patient fee determining, credit arrangements and bookkeeping and bank-keeping procedures will be discussed. Computer use in the ambulatory environment will also be taught. Basic and advanced guidelines and coding conventions in CPT will be taught with focus on the professional (outpatient) guidelines. The evaluation and management documentation guidelines will be discussed, as well as, the proper use of modifiers. Basic guidelines and coding conventions in ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding and medical necessity with CPT pairing will be stressed, as well as the use of a natural language encoder program. Various aspects of pharmacology will be

discussed including a study of the medications prescribed for the treatment of illnesses and diseases within the modular subject area. Included in this are drug actions, and medication uses in relation to body systems and medical terminology. To prepare the student to comprehend the complexity of the health care system and the life cycle of a medical practice, areas that will be discussed include personnel management, compliance, technology, and the many roles of office management. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Prerequisite: MEDINTRO Lec Hrs: 40 Lab Hrs: 40 Other Hrs: 0 Outside Hrs: 20.0

**MIBMS – Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Musculoskeletal System 6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

This module presents a study of basic medical terminology focused on the musculoskeletal system. A word-building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms are presented within the module. A study of the human body's diseases and disorders, including signs, symptoms, etiology, diagnosis, and treatment is accomplished following the modular subject areas. Students are provided exposure to computer software applications used in the health care environment including medical billing software, Word and Excel. The major medical insurances and claims form processing is presented in an ongoing approach to build this skill set. It will include information on national and other common insurance plans as well as claim form completion and ICD and CPT coding. Problem solving and managed care systems will also be discussed. Daily financial practices to include patient fee determining, credit arrangements and bookkeeping and bank-keeping procedures will be discussed. Computer use in the ambulatory environment will also be taught. Basic and advanced guidelines and coding conventions in CPT will be taught with focus on the professional (outpatient) guidelines. The evaluation and management documentation guidelines will be discussed, as well as, the proper use of modifiers. Basic guidelines and coding conventions in ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding and medical necessity with CPT pairing will be stressed, as well as the use of a natural language encoder program. Various aspects of pharmacology will be discussed including a study of the medications prescribed for the treatment of illnesses and diseases within the modular subject area. Included in this are drug actions, and medication uses in relation to body systems and medical terminology. To prepare the student to comprehend the complexity of the health care system and the life cycle of a medical practice, areas that will be discussed include personnel management, compliance, technology, and the many roles of office management. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Prerequisite: MEDINTRO Lec Hrs: 40 Lab Hrs: 40 Other Hrs: 0 Outside Hrs: 20.0

**MIBRG – Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Respiratory and Gastrointestinal Systems 6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

This module presents a study of basic medical terminology focused on the respiratory system and the gastrointestinal system. A word-building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms are presented within the module. A study of the human body's diseases and disorders, including signs, symptoms, etiology, diagnosis, and treatment is accomplished following the modular subject areas. Students are provided exposure to computer software applications used in the health care environment including medical billing software, Word and Excel. The major medical insurances and claims form processing is presented in an ongoing approach to build this skill set. It will include information on national and other common insurance plans as well as claim form completion and ICD and CPT coding. Problem solving and managed care systems will also be discussed. Daily financial practices to include patient fee determining, credit arrangements and bookkeeping and bank-keeping procedures will be discussed. Computer use in the ambulatory environment will also be taught. Basic and advanced guidelines and coding conventions in CPT will be taught with focus on the professional (outpatient) guidelines. The evaluation and management documentation guidelines will be discussed, as well as, the proper use of modifiers. Basic guidelines and coding conventions in ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding and medical necessity with CPT pairing will be stressed, as well as the use of a natural language encoder program. Various aspects of pharmacology will be discussed including a study of the medications prescribed for the treatment of illnesses and diseases within the modular subject area. Included in this are drug actions, and medication uses in relation to body systems and medical terminology. To prepare the student to comprehend the complexity of the health care system and the life cycle of a medical practice, areas that will be discussed include personnel management, compliance, technology, and the many roles of office management. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Prerequisite: MEDINTRO Lec Hrs: 40 Lab Hrs: 40 Other Hrs: 0 Outside Hrs: 20.0

**MIBSN – Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, Diagnostic and Procedural Coding of the Sensory and Nervous Systems, and Psychology** **6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

This module presents a study of basic medical terminology focused on the sensory system, the nervous system, and psychology. A word-building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms are presented within the module. A study of the human body's diseases and disorders, including signs, symptoms, etiology, diagnosis, and treatment is accomplished following the modular subject areas. Students are provided exposure to computer software applications used in the health care environment including medical billing software, Word and Excel. The major medical insurances and claims form processing is presented in an ongoing approach to build this skill set. It will include information on national and other common insurance plans as well as claim form completion and ICD and CPT coding. Problem solving and managed care systems will also be discussed. Daily financial practices to include patient fee determining, credit arrangements and bookkeeping and bank-keeping procedures will be discussed. Computer use in the ambulatory environment will also be taught. Basic and advanced guidelines and coding conventions in CPT will be taught with focus on the professional (outpatient) guidelines. The evaluation and management documentation guidelines will be discussed, as well as, the proper use of modifiers. Basic guidelines and coding conventions in ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding and medical necessity with CPT pairing will be stressed, as well as the use of a natural language encoder program. Various aspects of pharmacology will be discussed including a study of the medications prescribed for the treatment of illnesses and diseases within the modular subject area. Included in this are drug actions, and medication uses in relation to body systems and medical terminology. To prepare the student to comprehend the complexity of the health care system and the life cycle of a medical practice, areas that will be discussed include personnel management, compliance, technology, and the many roles of office management. Out-of-class activities will be assigned and assessed as part of this module. Prerequisite: MEDINTRO Lec Hrs: 40 Lab Hrs: 40 Other Hrs: 0 Outside Hrs: 20.0

**MIBPC – Practicum** **6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Upon successful completion of Modules MEDINTRO, MIBCL, MIBGU, MIBIE, MIBMS, MIBRG, and MIBSN, medical insurance billing and coding students participate in a 200-hour practicum on-campus. The practicum provides the student an opportunity to apply principles and practices learned in the program and utilize entry-level skills in working with insurance companies and processing claims. Medical insurance billing and coding students work under the direct supervision of the school staff. An instructor or department chair evaluates students at 100 and 200 hour intervals. Completed evaluation forms are placed in the students' permanent records. Students must successfully complete their practicum experience in order to fulfill requirements for graduation. Prerequisite: All classes in the Medical Insurance Billing and Coding Diploma Program must be completed prior to enrollment. Lec Hrs: 0 Lab Hrs: 0 Other Hrs; 200

**MIBXT – Externship** **6.0 Quarter Credit Units**

Upon successful completion of Modules MEDINTRO, MIBCL, MIBGU, MIBIE, MIBMS, MIBRG, and MIBSN, medical insurance billing/coding students participate in a 200-hour externship. Students are expected to work a full-time (40 hours per week) schedule if possible. Serving in an externship at an approved facility gives externs an opportunity to work with the principles and practices learned in the classroom. Externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel in participating institutions and under general supervision of the school staff. Supervisory personnel will evaluate externs at 100- and 200-hour intervals. Completed evaluation forms are placed in the students' permanent records. Students must successfully complete their externship training in order to fulfill requirements for graduation. Prerequisite: All classes in the Medical Insurance Billing and Coding program must be completed prior to enrollment. Lec Hrs: 0 Lab Hrs: 0 Other Hrs; 200





## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Diploma Program

12 months – 69 credit units

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Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. They work under medical supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures. This individual works under the supervision of a surgeon to ensure that the operating room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

The surgical technologist possesses the appropriate expertise in the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique and combines the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures. The goal and objective of this program is preparation of the student to be a competent entry level Surgical Technologist by achievement and demonstration of learning within the following three domains; cognitive (knowledge), affective (behavior), and psychomotor (skills).

Students must document a total of 125 procedures in the first scrub solo role (FSS) or with assist (FSA). Eighty of these procedures must be in the five CORE areas of General, Orthopedics, Otorhinolaryngology (ENT), Gynecology, and Genitourinary (GU). The remaining 45 procedures will be in the SPECIALTY areas, such as:

- Cardiothoracic Endoscopy
- Ophthalmology
- Oral and Maxillofacial
- Plastic and Reconstructive
- Neurosurgery
- Cardiothoracic
- Peripheral Vascular

Within the total 125 procedures, 35 must be in the first scrub solo role (FSS). Students must also fulfill requirements with regard to appropriate distribution for the CORE and Specialty areas and level of complexity. These requirements meet the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

Module	Module Title	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Units
STS 1004	Anatomy and Physiology I	32	3.0
STS 1005	Anatomy and Physiology II	32	3.0
STS 1006	Anatomy and Physiology III	32	3.0
STS 1007	Anatomy and Physiology IV	32	3.0
STS 1008	Career Development	32	3.0
STS 1009	Medical Terminology I	32	3.0
STS 1010	Medical Terminology II	32	3.0
STS 1011	Medical Law & Ethics I	16	1.5
STS 1012	Medical Law & Ethics II	16	1.5
STS 1013	Surgical Technology I	64	4.5
STS 1014	Surgical Technology II	64	4.5
STS 1015	Surgical Technology III	96	6.0
STS 1016	Surgical Technology IV	96	6.0
STS 1017	Microbiology	16	1.5
STS 1018	Microbiology II	16	1.5
STS 1019	Surgical Pharmacology	32	3.0
STS 1020	Externship I	280	9.0
STS 1021	Externship II	280	9.0
<b>Total Quarter Credit Hours:</b>		<b>1,200</b>	<b>69.0</b>

\*This program requires clinical placement in contracted off campus sites. Sites must be identified and contracted to meet the enrollment numbers. This insures placement of the students and decreases the potential for over enrollment.

<b>STS 1004 - Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is an introduction to the scientific study of the structure of the human body and its parts including relationships and functions of the cells, cellular metabolism and tissues. Prerequisite: None. Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1005 - Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is a scientific study of the structure of the human body and its parts; including relationships, functions, and disease processes of the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous and special senses. Prerequisite: STS 1004 (Anatomy & Physiology I). Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0.	

<b>STS 1006 - Anatomy &amp; Physiology III</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is a scientific study of the structure of the human body and its parts including relationships and functions of the endocrine, blood, cardiovascular, lymphatic and digestive system. Prerequisite: STS 1005 (Anatomy & Physiology II). Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1007 - Anatomy &amp; Physiology IV</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is a scientific study of the human body and its parts including the relationships and functions of the respiratory, urinary, and reproductive systems. Prerequisite: STS 1006 (Anatomy & Physiology III). Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1008 - Career Development</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to prepare the student for entering the job market in the health field. Topics include professional growth, job hunting skills, and interviewing skills. Emphasis is placed on formulating a professional resume and rendering a successful interview. Prerequisite: None. Lecture Hours: 28.0 Lab Hours: 4.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1009 - Medical Terminology I</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course presents a study of basic medical terminology. Prefixes, suffixes, word roots, combining forms, special endings, plural forms, abbreviations, and symbols are included in the content. A word building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms are presented with each unit. Prerequisite: None. Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1010 - Medical Terminology II</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course presents a study of basic medical terminology. Prefixes, suffixes, word roots, combining forms, special endings, plural forms, abbreviations, and symbols are included in the content. A word building systems approach is used to learn word parts for constructing or analyzing new terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Abbreviations are introduced as related terms are presented with each unit. Prerequisite: STS 1009 (Medical Terminology I). Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1011 - Medical Law &amp; Ethics I</b>	<b>1.5 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to help the student understand moral behavior, acceptable standards of conduct, professional relations and professional organizations. In addition to covering laws pertinent to the health care facility, the course outlines various ethical codes and their current impact on society. Prerequisite: None. Lecture Hours: 16.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1012 - Medical Law &amp; Ethics II</b>	<b>1.5 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to help the student understand moral behavior, acceptable standards of conduct, professional relations and professional organizations. In addition to covering laws pertinent to the health care facility, the course outlines various ethical codes and their current impact on society -- includes HIPPA and OSHA training. Prerequisite: (STS 1011 Medical Law & Ethics I). Lecture Hours: 16.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1013 - Surgical Technology I</b>	<b>4.5 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to provide the student with an overall understanding and orientation to the field of surgical technology. Included in this course are professional responsibilities and relations in the operating room environment and the hands-on skills involved in following medical and surgical aseptic techniques, scrubbing, gowning, and gloving and providing basic pre-operative care to the surgical patient. Prerequisite: None. Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 32.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1014 - Surgical Technology II</b>	<b>4.5 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to provide the student with an overall understanding of the theory and the hands-on applications involved in the use and maintenance of surgical instruments and equipment. This course also introduces robotics and the principles of physics and electricity. Prerequisite: STS 1013 (Surgical Technology I). Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 32.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1015 - Surgical Technology III</b>	<b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to provide the student with an overall understanding of the theory and hands-on applications, involved in the general, as well as specific surgical procedures involving the gastrointestinal system, the reproductive system and obstetrics, and the genitourinary system. Prerequisite: STS 1014 (Surgical Technology II). Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 64.0 Other Hours: 0.0.	
<b>STS 1016 - Surgical Technology IV</b>	<b>6.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to provide the student with an overall understanding of the theory and hands-on applications, involved in surgical procedures of the ear, nose, and throat, ophthalmic surgery, plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, surgery of the nervous system, thoracic surgery, and cardiovascular and peripheral vascular surgery. Prerequisite: STS 1015 (Surgical Technology III). Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 64.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1017 - Microbiology</b>	<b>1.5 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to provide the student with an overall understanding of basic microbiology, infection control, disease processes and the body's defenses against them. Additionally, wound healing, as well as the terminology associated with each of these areas of concentration will also be included. Prerequisite: None. Lecture Hours: 16.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1018 - Microbiology II</b>	<b>1.5 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to provide the student with an overall understanding of basic microbiology, infection control, disease processes and the body's defenses against them, and wound healing, as well as the terminology associated with each of these areas of concentration. Prerequisite: STS 1017 (Microbiology I). Lecture Hours: 16.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	

<b>STS 1019 - Surgical Pharmacology</b>	<b>3.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to provide the student with an overall understanding of the theory and the hands-on applications involved in surgical pharmacology. Prerequisite: None. Lecture Hours: 32.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 0.0	
<b>STS 1020 - Externship I</b>	<b>9.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
During this course the student will spend his or her time in a hospital or clinic working under the supervision of a nurse or operating room technician. This course is the final course of the surgical technology program. Successful completion is required for graduation. All externships must be completed in daytime hours. This course is designed to provide acclimation to the Operating Room through observation of surgical cases, studying and preparing for cases, opening sterile supplies and instruments. Students will second assist surgical procedures. The student will also be introduced to Specialty Surgical procedures to include but not be limited to Orthopedic, ENT, Plastics and Reconstructive and Eyes. The student will also rotate through Central Supply and other surgical areas permitted by the hospital. Prerequisite: STS 1016 (Surgical Technology IV & Mock Final Exam). Lecture Hours: 0.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 280.0	
<b>STS 1021 - Externship II</b>	<b>9.0 Quarter Credit Units</b>
This course is designed to enhance previously learned surgical skills by repetition. Students will show independence in preparing the operating room for surgery, opening surgical cases, setting up the back – table and mayo stand, first assisting surgical cases and turning over the surgical suite. Prerequisite: STS 1020 (Externship I). Lecture Hours: 0.0 Lab Hours: 0.0 Other Hours: 280.0	

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## TUITION AND FEES

<b>Program</b>	<b>Program Length</b>	<b>Credit Units</b>	<b>Textbook &amp; Equipment (Estimated)</b>	<b>Tuition</b>
Medical Assistant	33 Weeks	48	\$1,471	\$16,568
Medical Administrative Assistant	33 Weeks	48	\$1,595	\$16,727
Medical Insurance Billing and Coding	33 Weeks	48	\$2,145	\$16,410
Surgical Technologist	12 Months	69	\$1,289	\$29,677
Effective for programs starting October 1, 2012 and after				

## CALENDARS FOR MODULAR PROGRAMS

<b>Medical Insurance Billing &amp; Coding, Medical Assistant, Medical Administrative Assistant Mod All Shifts 4 Weeks 2012 - 2013</b>	
Start Dates	End Dates
8/28/12	9/25/12
9/27/12	10/24/12
10/25/12	11/21/12
11/26/12	12/21/12
12/26/12	1/25/13
1/29/13	2/26/13
2/28/13	3/27/13
3/28/13	4/24/13
4/29/13	5/24/13
5/28/13	6/24/13
6/26/13	7/24/13

<b>Student Breaks 2012-2013</b>		
Holiday/Student Breaks	Start Date	End Date
Independence Day	7/4/12	7/4/12
*Labor Day	9/1/12	9/2/12
Labor Day	9/3/12	9/3/12
Thanksgiving	11/22/12	11/23/12
*Thanksgiving	11/24/12	11/25/12
Christmas	12/24/12	12/25/12
New Year's	12/31/12	1/1/13
MLK Jr. Day	1/21/13	1/21/13
President's Day	2/18/13	2/18/13
*Easter	3/30/13	3/31/13
Memorial Day	5/27/13	5/27/13
*Memorial Day	5/25/13	5/26/13

\*For Weekend courses only

<b>Medical Assistant Weekend 4 Weeks 2012 - 2013</b>	
Start Dates	End Dates
9/8/12	9/30/12
10/6/12	10/28/12
11/3/12	12/2/12
12/8/12	12/30/12
1/5/13	1/27/13
2/2/13	2/24/13
3/2/13	3/24/13
4/6/13	4/28/13
5/4/13	6/2/13
6/8/13	6/30/13

<b>Surgical Technologist AM/PM/Eve Schedule 2012 - 2013</b>	
Start Dates	End Dates
7/24/12	9/18/12
9/20/12	11/14/12
11/19/12	1/22/13
1/24/13	3/21/13
3/25/13	5/17/13
5/21/13	7/17/13

<b>Surgical Technologist Mod All Shifts 2012 - 2013</b>	
Start Dates	End Dates
8/27/12	10/22/12
10/24/12	12/20/12
12/26/12	2/25/13
2/27/13	4/23/13
4/25/13	6/20/13
6/24/13	8/19/13



## OPERATING HOURS

Office	School
<p data-bbox="430 258 711 310"><u>Monday through Thursday</u> 8:00 am to 9:30 pm</p> <p data-bbox="467 342 673 394"><u>Friday</u> 8:00 am to 5:00 pm</p>	<p data-bbox="917 258 1166 310"><u>Monday through Friday</u> 6:00 am to 5:00 pm</p> <p data-bbox="901 342 1182 394"><u>Monday through Thursday</u> 6:00 pm to 9:50 pm</p>