

MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE

MEDICAL ASSISTING PROGRAM
Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday October 14, 2021
12:00 – 1:30
ZOOM

	Agenda Item	Reviewed	Discussion	Action Required	Lead Person	Goal Date
1.	Introductions Shirley Buzbee, Chelsea Coulson, Amy Duffy, Linda Foth, Janelle Gray, Martha Lee, Dr. Roland Nyegaard, Dorothy Peek, Andrea Powell, Martha Robles, Pat Weisel, Scott DuBose, Student Rep and Katherine Walshaw, Student Rep					
2.	Follow-up from Last Advisory Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review and Acceptance of 11-5-2020 Advisory Committee Minutes by Amy Duffy and Janelle Gray.					
3.	Program Goals & Learning Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed No changes made.					

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4.	Expansion of Medical Assistants' Scope of Practice Delegable Tasks for Medical Assistants		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early in the Covid pandemic federal agencies and executive orders by state governors expanded medical assistants' legal scope of practice. Legal barriers to medical assistants administering injections and venipuncture were largely removed. • CDC affirmed that medical assistants can interact with patients in several modalities. Patient feedback concerning virtual appointments led to medical assistants being used as scribes during virtual appointments so the doctor can interact with patients in a more face to face manner. • Medical assistants can execute verbal and standing orders, enter injections and radiology and lab orders in the patient record and call in medication orders. • Medical assistants are allowed to perform nasopharyngeal swabbing to test for COVID-19. • There is a lot of misinformation regarding scope of practices for medical providers. Medical assistants should be used efficiently. There is no need for RNs to administer Covid-19 vaccinations. • There are lots of good paying jobs including traveler positions for medical assistants. 			

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5.	Program Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 • Hybrid • Practicum Sites 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid vaccinations are required of all medical assisting students. This new requirement has been well accepted by the majority of students. • The medical assisting program will continue as a hybrid program in 2022. Face to face instruction is valuable. Both Scott and Katie shared positive feedback about the flexibility and efficiency of the hybrid nature of the program. Andrea Powell shared that she helps her medical terminology students learn how to navigate online instruction so they will be better prepared to begin the medical assisting program. • Practicum sites are coming back after 18 months. 			
6.	Action Plan for Improvement: Responsiveness to Change (Student) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicum Hours • New Core Curriculum Competencies 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicum hours will go from Monday-Thursday to Monday-Friday in fall 2022. This is in response to clinical sites feeling that having the students five days a week will cause less confusion within their organizations. • New core curriculum competencies will be released by the board in April 2022. 			

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7.	Program Accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Study Due October 1, 2021 • Site Visit January 31 to February 1, 2022 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The self-study was submitted in September. After an initial review, there were two small corrections that needed to be fixed. Covid-19 has led to site visit cancellations. We are still waiting to hear if our site visitors will come in person or not. They may want to meet with the Advisory Committee, so please save the dates. 	Shirley will email the Advisory Committee with a Site Visit update. The final update from the board will be sent in December		
8.	Other Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merck announced its new pill to treat Covid-19 reduces the risk of hospitalization and death by about 50 percent. • As a result of Covid vaccination mandates many students have dropped. • It is important to offer paper and EMR training. • The Moderna booster was approved today. Pfizer and Moderna boosters can be switched. 			
9.	Future The Advisory Committee will meet again in April 2022.					