

MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Professional Licensure & State Authorization Program Determination Disclosure

Program Title Medical / Clinical Assistant

CIP Number 51.0801

In April 2022, the Mississippi community colleges agreed to collaborate, where applicable, to reduce duplication of effort and to ensure system-wide compliance with federal requirements and the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA).

Federal Requirements

U.S. Department of Education regulation, 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) requires an institution to disclose whether programs leading to professional licensure or certification, regardless of modality, meet each state's educational requirements. Specifically, the regulation requires the following:

- A list of all states for which the program's curriculum meets state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification,
- A list of all states for which the program's curriculum **does not meet** state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification, and
- A list of all states for which the institution has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements.

NC-SARA Requirements

The community colleges of Mississippi are members of the NC-SARA. NC-SARA is an agreement between member U.S. states, territories, and districts, which allows institutions to offer distance programs and on the ground courses within member state borders. Recent changes to the NC-SARA manual (Section 5.2) concerning professional licensure programs have changed to align with the federal regulation. NC-SARA participating institutions must provide licensing board contact information to the students or applicants when unable to make a determination. The following forms will demonstrate the determination for each state and territory. For those marked **Does Not Meet** or **Has Not Made a Determination**, additional information is available.

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State/Territory	Status	State/Territory	Status
Alabama	No License Required	Montana	No License Required
Alaska	No License Required	Nebraska	No License Required
American Samoa	No License Required	Nevada	No License Required
Arizona	No License Required	New Hampshire	No License Required
Arkansas	No License Required	New Jersey	License Required
California	No License Required	New Mexico	No License Required
Colorado	No License Required	New York	No License Required
Connecticut	License Required	North Carolina	No License Required
Delaware	No License Required	North Dakota	No License Required
District of Columbia		Northern Mariana Islands	
Florida	No License Required	Ohio	No License Required
Georgia	No License Required	Oklahoma	No License Required
Guam		Oregon	No License Required
Hawaii	No License Required	Pennsylvania	No License Required
Idaho	License Required	Puerto Rico	
Illinois	No License Required	Rhode Island	No License Required
Indiana	No License Required	South Carolina	No License Required
Iowa	No License Required	South Dakota	No License Required
Kansas	No License Required	Tennessee	No License Required
Kentucky	No License Required	Texas	No License Required
Louisiana	No License Required	U.S. Virgin Islands	
Maine	No License Required	Utah	No License Required
Maryland	No License Required	Vermont	No License Required
Massachusetts	No License Required	Virginia	No License Required
Michigan	No License Required	Washington	License Required
Minnesota	No License Required	West Virginia	No License Required
Mississippi	No License Required	Wisconsin	No License Required
Missouri	No License Required	Wyoming	No License Required

Reviewer Information

College Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

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Comments

Mississippi does not require Medical Assistants to hold a license. The only states currently requiring this are Connecticut, Idaho, New Jersey, and Washington. The "license" a Medical Assistant would/should seek is a Certification or Registration, depending on the agency the individual sits for the exam through. Those earning the title by successfully passing the exam are generally some version of Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) or Registered Medical Assistant (RMA).

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