

Medical Assisting: Medical Terminology

Exam Information	Description
Exam number 710 Items 79 National Career Cluster Healthcare & Human Services Certification available Yes	The Medical Assistant: Medical Terminology industry certification exam assesses learners' abilities to support physicians by providing assistance during patient examinations, administering and monitoring treatments, and keeping patient and related health record information. The exam covers clinical, administrative, and laboratory duties performed in the role of a medical assistant.

Exam Blueprint and Performance Skills

Standard	Percentage of exam score
1. Medical Terminology	80%
2. Medical Abbreviations	20%

Standard 1 - Medical Terminology (80% of exam score)

Candidates will interpret and apply medical terminology.

Objective 1 Identify the basic structure of medical words associated with Medical Assisting.

1. Recognize word construction and dissection.
2. Apply word building and definitions.
 - a. Root Words
 - b. Prefixes
 - c. Suffixes

Objective 2 Identify and utilize anatomical positions, planes, and directional terms.

1. Demonstrate what anatomical position is and how it is used to reference the body.
2. Distinguish between the commonly used anatomical planes and recognize their individual views.
 - a. Sagittal/Midsagittal Plane
 - b. Frontal/Coronal Plane
 - c. Transverse/Horizontal Plane
3. Apply directional terms to other locations on the human body.
 - a. Superior/Inferior
 - b. Anterior/Posterior
 - c. Medial/Lateral
 - d. Distal/Proximal
 - e. Superficial/Deep
 - f. Ventral/Dorsal
 - g. Prone/Supine
 - h. Unilateral/Bilateral

Standard 2 - Medical Abbreviations (20%)

Candidates will identify medical abbreviations in a healthcare setting.

Objective 1 Interpret and apply identified medical abbreviations.

1. Interpret and extract information from realistic medical documents.
2. Apply medical abbreviations to interpreting and writing prescriptions.

Objective 2 Interpret healthcare symbols.