

## CCMA Program Information

### Description of the Program

The CCMA program consists of three separate courses; EKG technician, phlebotomy technician and patient care technician. The next CCMA program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019 and will complete in the summer of 2020. Each course is offered on two evenings a week from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm for approximately 10 weeks. ***The individual courses are not offered separately at this time.***

The courses are designed to prepare students for the NHA (National Career Association) certification exam. Students must complete each course with a passing grade and pass the NHA certification exam to move forward in the program. The phlebotomy course and the patient care course include 40 hours of clinical experience in an assigned clinical site; either a hospital, physician's office, urgent care center or walk-in clinic. The clinical hours are scheduled during day shift hours, and are coordinated with the student ahead of time.

Each cohort is limited to a small number of students due to the availability of clinical sites. Students must interview to be accepted into the program. The interviews will take place in August 2019. Students are chosen based on interview scores as well as a math and writing assessment given on the day of the interview.

### Program Costs

Each course fee includes the course instruction, appropriate textbook, lab supplies, individual scrubs, as well as an NHA study guide and online practice tests. Students will also be provided the appropriate CPR class for healthcare providers (BLS).

Course fees are:

*EKG technician – \$550*

*Phlebotomy technician - \$850*

*Patient Care technician - \$650*

Course fees are due at the beginning of each 10 week course.

### Additional Costs

In order to participate in clinical rotations, students accepted into the program must obtain a background check, drug screen, immunizations, liability insurance, and medical insurance. The cost of these requirements varies between students. The NHA exam fee is also the responsibility of the individual student:

*EKG NHA Exam - \$117*

*Phlebotomy NHA Exam - \$117*

*CCMA NHA Exam - \$155*

The CCMA program is offered as a non-credit course and is ***not eligible for traditional financial aid***. Students may seek outside assistance through other funding sources, such as Workforce Essentials or other services offered through the department of labor.

### **Class Schedule**

The first course in the series is the EKG Technician course, which will begin mid-September 2019 and end in December 2019. The Phlebotomy course will begin in January 2020 and end in March 2020. This class will be followed by the Patient Care course, which begins in April 2020 and ends in June 2020. Students must pass each course to progress to the next class.

### **To Apply**

To participate in the interview process, please email either Terri Crutcher or Shannon Hernandez and include your name, a valid email address and phone number. Students will be added to the interest list and contacted in July to set up an interview for entrance into the program.

All students selected for the CCMA program must pass a background check and drug screen prior to official acceptance. If a student has a background check issue, he/she may contact Terri Crutcher at [terri.crutcher@volstate.edu](mailto:terri.crutcher@volstate.edu) to discuss eligibility for the program. Any student who is unable to pass the drug screen will not be eligible to participate in the program.

Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

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