

Medical assisting program

Personal statement

A personal statement is required of each applicant. It must be typed, between one and two double-spaced pages, in size 11 font, and include your name.

The applicant's answers to the following questions are required:

- Why did you choose to pursue training to become a medical assistant?
- Describe in your own words what it means to be a professional.
- What are your personal strengths and weaknesses and how do these relate to your ability to be successful in the MA program? Be specific.
- Students in this program spend an average of 40 hours per week doing coursework in class or online, completing homework and studying. Please describe your plan to successfully complete this course load, as well as balance personal life.
- **Hybrid program applicants only:** Whatcom's MA hybrid program (starts each winter quarter) includes a combination of online classes and on-campus labs. To help you measure your readiness for learning in a technology-rich environment, Whatcom recommends you complete this [brief assessment](#). Incorporate information about your preparedness for online learning in your personal statement.

The following overall criteria will also be evaluated in the personal statement:

- Ability to follow directions according to instructions above.
- Responding to all prompts listed above.
- Ability to organize thoughts.
- Ability to express yourself in writing, using correct grammar and punctuation.