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## Medical assisting apprenticeship FAQ's

**1) What is the cost of the online program vs. the hybrid program?**

- a. The online program costs \$3,799 and the hybrid program costs \$4,448. Since the online program is a non-credit program, students are eligible for Idaho Launch funds which will cover up to 80% of tuition.

**2) When does the preceptorship start?**

- a. The preceptorship will begin once the apprentice is in the clinic working. The preceptor will be there to guide the apprentice and ensure they are completing the necessary competencies.

**3) Does the clinic determine when the apprentice is paid?**

- a. Apprentices are considered regular employees and are paid for their time on-the-job. Employers do not need to pay for hours spent taking the related instruction outside of work hours.

**4) How many hours is the apprenticeship?**

- a. The apprentice will complete the related instruction through CWI and the on-the-job competencies with their employer. Related instruction is approximately 144 hours through CWI. Completion of the competencies is based on the apprentice and preceptor deciding they have successfully completed a skill or task and checking that off on the competencies checklist. The time it takes will vary by apprentice. Once the related instruction and on-the-job competencies have been successfully completed, ICHCA will issue a certificate of completion.

**5) When can apprentices apply for the CWI MA program?**

- a. If the apprentice is planning to go through the online program, applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The hybrid program accepts applications twice a year (Fall and Spring).

**6) When does an apprentice need to submit their 671 form?**

- a. It is important that the 671 form is submitted to ICHCA at least two weeks before the apprentice starts the classes.

**7) What are the wages for an MA Apprentice?**

- a. The starting wage is listed at \$14 an hour and ending wage is \$16 an hour. This is the minimum requirement through the Department of Labor but wages can start/end higher than what is listed.

**8) What are the age requirements?**

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- a. Apprentices can start as early as 16 but it is up to the employer to decide at what age they would like to hire.

**9) Who can I contact for more information?**

- a. Please contact Paige Bongiorno at [pbongiorno@idahohc.org](mailto:pbongiorno@idahohc.org)