

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@idahochc.org