



**SOUTH
SUBURBAN
COLLEGE**
Department of
Health Professions

MEDICAL ASSISTANT REVITALIZATION PLAN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why is South Suburban College voluntarily withdrawing CAAHEP accreditation?

A. South Suburban College (SSC) has maintained the highest commitment to academic excellence throughout its history. The successful and timely completion of students currently enrolled in the Medical Assisting (MAS) Program is the college's top priority. As with the revitalization of the SSC Nursing Program—which has proven very successful—the college is initiating a similar restructuring of the MAS Program. As an initial step in that effort, SSC is voluntarily withdrawing its accreditation from the Committee on Accreditation of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) at this time.

Q: Will the revitalization of the MAS Program affect current students?

A. No; this action will in no way affect current students and their ability to take the certification exams, nor does it affect transfer credits and the validity of their credentials. SSC remains fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association.

Q: How will the revitalization of the MAS Program affect future students?

A. SSC will continue to admit new students into the MAS program while the revitalization is ongoing. Students who are currently enrolled in prerequisite courses for MAS are encouraged to visit an SSC Counselor to discuss their options.

Q: What is the goal of the MAS revitalization?

A. The goal of the revitalization is to implement curriculum revisions to ensure that the MAS Program meets and exceeds industry standards, prepares students for the certification exams, and maximizes seamless transferability in order to ensure the success of every MAS student.

Q: Does the accreditation withdrawal affect job prospects of current students and graduates?

A. No; as previously stated, while students are enrolled in the program, CAAHEP considers them a graduate of a CAAHEP accredited program. Current students will be eligible to sit for both the CMA/AAMA and the RMA/AMT certification exams.