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# **MEDICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE**

  

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# General Information

## **PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment.

## **MEDICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE (MEI) MISSION**

Our mission is to offer more opportunities to people who wish to work in the healthcare industry thus improving their socio-economic status by having education in the medical field. MEI is compromise to respond to student's ambition by imparting a thorough systematic educational program by:

- bringing educational resources that will assist students to fulfill their ambition to accomplish goals of learning profound knowledge in chosen career;
- by conveying the strongest confidence in each student through real-world learning and experience;
- Guiding students to follow step-by-step learning process which is designed in most organized and systematized way.

## **MEI OBJECTIVES**

Objectives of MEI are:

- To prepare each student to be at an “employable knowledge” level where they will become employable in the chose career upon graduation;
- To prepare each student to become inspired to continue to grow in the chosen career field;
- To prepare each student to become more competitive to be successful in the chosen career field;
- To enthuse each student to dream the greater success in life.

## **STATE APPROVAL**

Medical Education Institute is approved to operate by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).

# General Information & Admissions Policy

## **FACILITY & LEARNING EQUIPMENT**

The MEI campus where class sessions will be provided is located at 2007 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 604, Los Angeles. MEI is located within 4 blocks from Good Samaritan Hospital and San Vincent Hospital. MEI is just minutes away from Downtown Los Angeles, Staple Center, Civic Center and L.A. County Courthouse 1 mile, Federal Building and World Trade Center 1 mile, Pacific Stock Exchange and L.A. Central Library 1 mile, L.A. Convention Center 1 1/4 miles, China Town and Little Tokyo 2 miles, L.A. Greyhound Bus Terminal and Dodger Stadium 2 miles, Union Station 1 1/4 miles, L.A. Coliseum and USC 2 1/2 miles, Pasadena Rose Bowl and Universal Studios 10 miles, Hollywood Bowl 6 miles. Campus has easy access to public transportation with the facility equipped with imaging lab, general-purpose classrooms, student lounge and administrative office all which are well lighted and air-conditioned. Approximated total square footage of school is 1870.

MEI imaging laboratory is equipped with medical supplies to support student learning experiences. Laboratory on campus is equipped with 2-D ultrasound systems each equipped with printer and recording devices. The laboratory includes equipment and material to current medical procedures and clinical testing. The school library is equipped with current collection of manuals, reference books and periodicals designed to support all course offerings. Library hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Library is closed on weekends and holidays.

## **STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT**

- Inquiring applicant is scheduled to visit the school.
- Inquiring applicant must have a personal interview with an admissions advisor.
- While visiting the school applicant receives a tour of the campus, completes an application & admissions advisor explains the steps for enrollment requirements, receives an overview of the programs for which student is qualified.
- Inquiring applicant is scheduled for entrance examination.
- Applicant attends program orientation prior to first day of lecture.

## **CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION**

Persons with high school diploma or GED or college degree or passing score on ability-to-benefit test are eligible to apply. Applicants who do not have a high school diploma or GED or a college degree and are beyond the age of compulsory secondary education in California must pass the Wonderlic's Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) test to be considered for admission. Passing score for the Wonderlic's ATB tests are as follows: Quantitative - 210 or greater & Verbal - 200 or higher. The final determination on applicant is based on test results, prior education, motivation, work-experience, placement potential and general aptitude for the chosen program. Each applicant is assessed individually. MEI does not deny admission on the basis of age, race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Students with prior experiential learning in the course to be pursued will be assessed prior to enrollment and if allowed, will be given appropriate credit. Evaluation will be based on written/oral exam and/or review of official transcript. If the evaluation is approved a notification of this decision will be provided at the student and credits

allowed will be recorded in enrollment record and the length of the course shortened proportionately. Students can Appeal the decision, writes a Statement of Appeal within of seven (7) calendar days from the data of the notification was issued. No charges will be required to the student in any step of this process.

## **NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION**

The transferability of credits you earn at **Medical Education Institute** is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the **certificate** you earn in the educational program, is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the **certificate** that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending **Medical Education Institute** to determine if your **certificate** will transfer.

Medical Education Institute has not entered into an articulation or transfer agreement with any other college or university and does not transfer credits from other educational facilities.

## Student Information

### **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF STUDENT**

An important element of the training at MEI includes the development of professionalism. The high standards maintained in MEI programs prepare each student to meet the highest expectations of employers. MEI expects students to conduct themselves in socially acceptable manner at all times. Students indulging in the following types of misconduct are subject to immediate dismissal:

- Any type of dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, knowingly furnishing false information to institution, forgery, alteration or use of institution identification documents with the intent to defraud.
- Intentional disruption or obstruction of teaching, administration, disciplinary proceedings, public meetings and programs, or other school activities.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any person on school premises or at school-sponsored or supervised functions.
- Theft of school property or damage to school premises or to the property of a member of the school community on the school premises.
- Failure to comply with directions of school officials acting in the performance of their duties.
- The use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, firearms, weapons, explosives and/or dangerous chemicals on school premises.
- Any violation of Federal, State or local law on MEI premises or at MEI sponsored functions.

- MEI views excessive tardies as violation of the professional conduct philosophy that could lead to dismissal. Any violation or transgression will be strictly penalized. MEI reserves the right to make the administrative and educational decisions as to whether the code of conduct had been violated. All cases are reviewed individually.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS**

All student records are kept on file. Files are confidential and are made available for approved purposes only. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974, school will not release educational records to unauthorized persons without prior written consent from a student, a parent or a legal guardian.

## **PROFESSIONAL DRESS STANDARDS**

Important part of the training at MEI includes the development of professional attitudes and behaviors. Prospective employers seek employees who will be positive additions to their companies. Therefore, we at MEI have created a “work-like” environment in which our students can grow and develop according to these professional expectations. Learning how to communicate and deal with different situations, coping with frustration, skills to solving problems, disciplining oneself and dressing professionally are just few of the ingredients that go into the makeup of a “professional”. In these areas we have high standards because we are committed to preparing our students for the highest expectations of our employers.

## **STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

MEI recognizes that the student may have a concern or issue that necessitates a prompt and fair resolution. Complaints are acknowledged on individual basis. If complain is not resolved within a reasonable time frame although report was made in writing to the school administrator and program instructor, then a written complaint is reviewed by the school director.

## **FILE A COMPLAINT**

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling toll-free telephone # (888) 370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau’s internet Web site [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov)

## **HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES**

Campus is closed on following Holidays: New Year’s Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Eve.

## **STUDENT TUITION RECOVERY FUND (STRF) DISCLOSURES**

The State of California created the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic losses suffered by students in educational programs who are California residents, or are enrolled in a residency program attending certain schools regulated by the Bureau for Private

Postsecondary Education. The STRF rate is subject to change pursuant to statute. Effective January 1, 2015, the BPPE requires that institutions collect from each newly enrolled student a fee” in the amount of \$0.00 per thousand dollars of institutional charges paid, regardless of the portion that is prepaid. You may be eligible for STRF if you are a California resident, prepaid tuition, paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following: 1) The school closed before the course of instruction was completed. 2) The school’s failure to pay refunds or charges on behalf of a student to a third party for license fees or any other purpose, or to provide equipment or materials for which a charge was collected within 180 days before the closure of the school. 3) The school's failure to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federally guaranteed student loan program as required by law or to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the school prior to closure in excess of tuition and other costs. 4) There was a material failure to comply with the Act or the Division within 30-days before the school closed or, if the material failure began earlier than 30-days prior to closure, the period determined by the Bureau.5) An inability after diligent efforts to prosecute, prove, and collect on a judgment against the institution for a violation of the Act." Questions regarding STRF can be directed to the **Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833, www.bppe.ca.gov, toll-free telephone number (888) 370-7589 or by fax (916) 263-1897**

You must pay the state-imposed assessment for the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) if all of the following applies to you: 1) You are a student, who is a California resident and prepays all or part of your tuition either by cash, guaranteed student loans, or personal loans, and 2) Your total charges are not paid by any third-party payer such as an employer, government program or other payer unless you have a separate agreement to repay the third party.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if either of the following applies: 1) You are not a California resident. 2) Your total charges are paid by a third party, such as an employer, government program or other payer, and you have no separate agreement to repay the third party.

## Tuition & Charges

### TUITION & CHARGES

Course material and other required support materials are not included in the tuition. Students will need to purchase notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. separately. Books and other support materials purchased from MEI are non-refundable/non-returnable. Tuition and fee costs do not include testing cost for certification, licensure, and credential examinations.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Course Material</b>
Diagnostic Sonography	\$22,000.00	\$75.00	\$800.00
Medical Assistants	\$ 8,000.00	\$75.00	\$400.00
Adult Echocardiography	\$25,000.00	\$75.00	\$800.00

## **TUITION DISCOUNTS UNDER AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTY FUNDING AGENCIES**

MEI will consider providing bona fide tuition discounts to be applied to the published rates if certain third parties sponsor the prospective student's participation in the program. The term "third party funding agency" describes an entity or agency which will pay for the prospective student's participation in a program or programs offered by MEI. The term "bona fide" means that the tuition discounts represent actual reductions in the tuition that would otherwise be charged. The tuition discounts will only be granted to the prospective student if MEI and the sponsoring third party funding agency can reach an agreement regarding the student's participation in the program and the associated tuition, fees and costs for that program. Tuition discounts offered to prospective students will be bona fide and will be fairly applied.

In the event that such an agreement is reached between MEI and the third party funding agency, the amount of discount to be applied shall be disclosed in full to the prospective student before enrollment. The contents of the disclosure will include: 1) the dollar amount for tuition, registration fee and course material and/or costs incidental to training that the prospective student would pay without the discount; 2) the name and contact information of the third party funding agency who is sponsoring the prospective student; 3) the dollar amount for tuition, registration fee, course material costs and/or costs incidental to training which the third party funding agency agreed to pay on behalf of the prospective student; and 4) if any, remainder of any charges that the student is responsible for after taking into account the amount the third party funding agency has agreed to pay.

The discount disclosures to student shall be made in writing by providing the prospective student with the enrollment agreement reflecting all the information listed in the above paragraph. The discount disclosure shall further be orally disclosed to the prospective student by an MEI enrollment officer by reviewing the above information with the prospective student.

## **Cancellation Policy**

### **BUYER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL**

All funds paid will be returned if student is rejected for admission. If student cancels his/her enrollment agreement within the first three days from signing of enrollment agreement, all funds paid including the registration fee will be refunded. If student cancels his/her enrollment agreement after the three days but before he/she begins regular attendance, all funds except non-refundable registration will be refunded. Students have the right to cancel enrollment agreement for course of instruction, including any equipment such as books, materials and supplies or any other goods related to the instruction. Students have the rights to cancel enrollment agreement for course of instruction for full-refund until midnight of the sixth business day after the first day of attendance

### **CANCELLATION**

Cancellation shall occur when the student give written notice of cancellation at the institution's address. Student can do this by mail, hand delivery, or telegram. The written notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when it is deposited in the mail properly addressed with prepaid postage. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form, however

expressed; it is effective if it shows that you no longer wish to be bound by the enrollment agreement. On the first day of class, student will be given two notices of cancellation forms for his/her use if decides to cancel, however, student can use any written notice that he/she may wish. You do not cancel the contract by just not attending classes.

## **EQUIPMENT & OTHER MATERIALS**

If MEI has given the student any returnable equipment, including books or other materials, student shall return it to the school within 30 days following the date of notice of cancellation. If the student fails to return this equipment, including books or other materials that are returnable equipment, in good and returnable condition within the 30-day period, the school may deduct its documented cost for the equipment from any refund that may be due to the student. Once student pay for the equipment, it is students to keep without further obligation. If the student cancels his/her enrollment agreement, the school will refund any money that student paid, less any deduction for registration fee, prorated tuition charges, and equipment received.

# Withdrawal Policy

## **WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSE**

Students have the right to withdraw from a course of instruction at any time. If student withdraw from the course of instruction after the period allowed for cancellation of the agreement, which is until the midnight of the fifth business day following the first class you have attended, the school will remit a refund, less a registration fee, within 30 days following the student withdrawal. Students are obligated to pay only for educational services rendered and for unreturned equipment. The refund shall be the amount student paid for instruction multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours of instruction which student have not received but for which student have paid, and the denominator of which is the total number of hours of instruction for which student have paid. If student obtain equipment as specified in the enrollment agreement as a separate charge and return it in good condition within 30 days following the date of withdrawal, the school shall refund the charge for the equipment paid by the student. If student fails to return the equipment in good & returnable condition allowing for reasonable wear and tear within the 30-day period, the school may offset against the refund the documented cost to the school of that equipment. Student shall be liable for the amount, if any, by which the documented cost for equipment exceeds the prorated refund amount. The documented cost of the equipment may be less than the amount the school has charged in the enrollment agreement. In any event, student will never be charged for more than the equipment charges stated in the enrollment agreement. For a list of these charges, see the first page of the enrollment agreement. If the amount that the student have paid is more than the amount that he/she owes for the time attended, then a refund will be made within 30 days of the official withdrawal. If the amount that the student owes is more than the amount that he/she has already paid, then the student will have to arrange to pay it. Official withdrawal date is on the student's notification or school's determination.

## **DETERMINATION OF WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL**

The withdrawal date shall be the last date of recorded attendance. The determination of withdrawal date would be 14 calendar days from the withdrawal date. Student would be determined to have withdrawn from school on the earliest of:

- The date students notify the MEI office of his/her intent to withdraw.
- The MEI office would be authorized to accept a notification of your intent to withdraw.
- The date the school terminates the student enrollment due to academic failure or for violation of its rules and policies stated in the catalog.
- The dates the students fail to attend classes for a two-week period.
- The date the student failed to return as scheduled from an approved leave of absence.
- The withdrawal date shall be the last date of recorded attendance.
- The date of the determination of withdrawal will be the scheduled date of return from LOA.

## Refund Policy

### **REFUNDS**

If any refunds are due based on the institutional refund policy calculation, refunds will be made as soon as possible but not later than 45 days from the determination of withdrawal date in the order stated in section CFR 34 section 668.22.

### **HYPOTHETICAL REFUND EXAMPLE ACCORDING TO STATE PRO-RATA POLICY**

Assume that a student, upon enrollment in a 1,600-hour course, pays \$6,800.00 for tuition, \$75.00 for registration, and \$525.00 (documented cost to the school) for equipment as specified in the enrollment agreement and withdraws after 600 hours into the course (this includes class days not attended by the student) without returning (due to sanitary reasons) the equipment he/she obtained. The prorated refund to the student would be \$4,250.00 based on the calculation stated below. If the student returns the-equipment (if it was returnable) in good and returnable condition within 30 days following his/her withdrawal, the school would refund the charge for the equipment returned.

## Academic Policy & Information

### **METHOD OF INSTRUCTION**

The quality of education MEI students receive is primarily due to the excellence of the faculty and assistance from the staff. Faculties are carefully selected for their knowledge and experience and their ability to stimulate and develop each student's potential. MEI utilizes ideal equipment as instructional devices to enhance the learning experience of the students. Hands-on training provides students with the experience and the confidence required to broaden their understanding of information processing techniques. The work of all students at MEI is reported in terms of grades. Instructors are required to assign grades for each student registered in the program.

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE & METHOD OF GRADING**

The grade-point average is determined by dividing the number of grade points earned by the number of course attempted. The total grade points earned for course equals the number of grade

points assigned times the number of course. For satisfactory standing, students must maintain a C average (2.0 GPA) in all courses taken at MEI.

Grade is assigned at the completion of each course within each program based on following criteria:

- Attendance – 20%
- Student Participation a total of 15% that include professionalism (5%), class participation (5%), home assignments (5%)
- Quizzes, Midterm Examination, Final Examination – 65%

### **GRADE POINTS**

A = 90-100% (4.0)

B = 80-89% (3.0)

C = 70-79% (2.0)

D = 60-69% (1.0)

F = below 60% (0.0)

I = incomplete (0.0)

W = withdrawal (0.0)

### **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply to grades assigned in all courses:

**A** – Performance of the student has been at the highest level, showing sustained excellence in meeting all course requirements and exhibiting an unusual degree of intellectual initiative (4.0).

**B** – Performance of the student has been at a high level, showing consistent and effective achievement in meeting course requirements (3.0).

**C** – Performance of the student has been at an adequate level, meeting the basic requirements of the course (2.0).

**D** – Performance of the student has been less than adequate, meeting only the minimum requirements (1.0). A grade of “D” must be made up within 1.5 times the normal duration of the program. School will exclude a grade “D” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%).

**F** – Performance of the student has been such that minimal course requirements have not been met. A grade of “F” must be made up within 1.5 times the normal duration of the program. School will exclude a grade “F” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%).

**I** – The symbol for “I” for incomplete, please refer to Section Academic Requirements for more information. School will exclude a grade “I” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%).

**W** – The symbol “W” indicates that the student was permitted to drop from a course/module within a program after the second week of instruction with the approval of the instructor and appropriate campus official. School will exclude a grade “W” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%).

## **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT AND STANDARDS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

MEI Students must fulfill all of the following standards for student achievements:

- Pass all midterms and final exams to earn a grade from each module/course. Failed exams can be retaken with consent from instructor; the exam must be retaken within five-days from the original exam date. A grade of “I” for incomplete will be assigned if failed exams are not retaken within the time allotted and student will be placed on academic probation. It is the student’s responsibility to schedule all make-ups and re-examinations. School will exclude a grade of “I” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%).
- Maintain at least 70% attendance in each assigned module/course. Less than 70% attendance can be made-up if arrangement is made with the student services manager and instructor for make-ups to take place within the same module/course. Further arrangements may be made, if necessary, upon individual assessment by student services manager. Grades of “I” for incomplete will be assigned if 70% attendance requirement is not satisfied within the time allotted and student will be placed on academic probation. School will exclude a grade of “I” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%).
- Incomplete course work (i.e. quizzes, presentations, projects) must be completed and evaluated in the prescribed time period. Incomplete course work can be made-up if it is due to unforeseen, but fully justified reasons and that there is still a possibility of earning a grade. It is the responsibility of the student to bring pertinent information to attention of the instructor and/or student services manager to determine the remaining course work requirement which must be satisfied to remove or replace a grade of “I” for incomplete. The final grade is assigned when course work is completed and evaluated. An Incomplete result must be made up within 1.5 times the normal duration of the program. School will exclude a grade of “I” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%).
- If a grade of D or F is assigned, student must retake that module/course and will be placed on academic probation. School will exclude a grade of “D” or “F” for prior attempts when calculating a student’s GPA, but it will be included in the credits from all attempts when calculating the maximum time frame (150%). To “repeat-delete”, students must: (1) File a “Repeat/Retake Request Form” with the student services manager, (2) Arrange a repeat schedule, (3) Only repeat course/module for which they received a grade of D or F.
- Students must complete their programs within 1.5 times the normal program length. Students will become ineligible for further financial aid assistance if fails to complete their programs within 1.5 times the normal program length and will be charged additional tuition.
- Achieve cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above at the end of each module/course. If cumulative GPA of 2.0 is not achieved, student will be placed on academic probation. Student must satisfy the problem conditions if placed on academic probation.

## **ACADEMIC PROBATION POLICY**

MEI reserves the right to apply academic probation policy to any student who's academic, attendance, and/or conduct standing which does not meet the school's satisfactory standards. Students on academic probation for the total length of the module following the probation announcement must satisfy the problem condition(s) prior to the starting of the subsequent module. The instructor and school director will determine if problem conditions have been satisfied before student is allowed to start subsequent module/course. Student is placed on academic probation if school academic requirements are not satisfied and student is no longer eligible for financial aid while on academic probation.

## **MAKE-UP POLICY**

To make up class work and/or examinations, student must:

- Have "unforeseen, but fully justifiable" reason(s) and must provide a written explanation.
- Bring all relevant information for student services manager and instructors to review.
- Agree to the terms for how and when the make-up will take place.

## **SUSPENSION & DISMISSAL**

MEI reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student where academic, attendance, conduct standing, and/or a financial obligation does not meet the school standards. Student who have been suspended or dismissed may be reinstated only upon approval of the school director after satisfying the requirements. All suspensions and dismissals are determined on individual basis.

## **REINSTATEMENT POLICY**

Suspended, dismissed or individuals out for personal reasons may be reinstated with an approval from the school director. After student has remained outside of school for at least six (6) months and has taken steps to meeting the SAP requirements in academic, personal, and any other critical situations, student may file *Reinstatement Request* for review. Conditions are determined and reviewed on individual basis. Please submit request in person or via fax to admissions office of MEI.

## **APPEALS**

Student may appeal academic reports or any other reports prepared by the school officials by submitting a written appeal for the director to review. The appeal must state any mitigating circumstances where it will be reviewed by the school director for her decision on matter. Appealing before the school director is the ultimate step in the appeal process and the decision reached by the school director is final.

## **MAXIMUM NUMBER PER CLASS & LAB**

Maximum number of student per classroom and laboratory at MEI campus is 12.

## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE & GUIDANCE**

Individuals who have occasional difficulty with study are urged to seek assistance from their instructor. Additionally, tutoring is available outside of normal class time. Contact the student service department at the school for more information. MEI provides guidance services for students depending on their individual needs. Assistance in program selection and career planning is available at the student service department. Students encountering problem which interferes with their education are encouraged to bring these problems to attention of their instructor or the student service coordinator. MEI recognizes the existence of external factors, which may interfere with study of program, such as physical or substance abuse. For those students trying to deal with substance problem, student service coordinator is available for advising. MEI also offers referral services through local agencies. Key element is that the student must take the initiative to ask for assistance.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are required to attend classes and lab sessions which are scheduled by MEI. A notice is sent if student attendance should drop below the norm. Excessive absences will be considered grounds for dismissal. Excessive absence is defined as missing 30 percent or more of the cumulative hours scheduled to date within a given module/course of study. Note: Student is considered “withdrawn” with 14 consecutive absences (using the calendar days which includes the weekends and holidays) and a notice is sent to the student informing the student status as “withdrawn”.

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA)**

MEI recognizes that there may be times when due to extreme circumstances, student may require a leave. In such case MEI director may authorize a LOA up to 180 days and under no circumstances can a LOA be extended beyond 180 days. School recommends that a student may request for a LOA should he/she will be absent for more than 10 consecutive school days.

Reasons for a LOA include, but are not limited to:

- Serious student medical problem
- Military duty
- Death of an immediate family member
- Personal - unforeseen, but fully justifiable reason or reasons

Time for approved LOA may be included in the calculation of a student’s maximum program length. If a LOA commences before student completes the program of study, grade of “P” is recorded in student record.

# Career Advising & Information

## **CAREER ADVISING**

MEI maintains Career Advising Center in student service department to better assist graduates in securing employment. Career Advisor acts as liaison between MEI graduates and potential employers. Information in job search technique based on the current need of local business and industries are made available to graduates.

A successful job search is dependent upon a self-confident, well-prepared applicant with pre-planned strategy. MEI is committed in assisting students in these efforts through series of job search and interview technique workshops. Each workshop addresses areas of how to prepare resume, market research techniques, and interview skills. Graduates must have the legal right to accept employment in the United States while those who are not citizens must produce current proof of ability to accept employment, i.e., green card, work permit or letter from INS showing valid “A” number or permanent residency.

### **STUDENT RECORDS RETENTION POLICY**

Adequate and accurate records will be maintained by the school, in accordance with regulations adopted by the bureau, and satisfactory standards shall be enforced relating to attendance, progress, and performance. The school will maintain current records for a period of not less than five years at its principal place of business in California, that are immediately available during normal business hours for inspection and copying by the council or the Attorney General and showing all of the following:(1) The name and addresses, both local and home, of each of its students.(2) The programs of study offered by the institution.(3) The names and addresses of its faculty, together with a record of the educational qualifications of each.(4) The degrees or diplomas and honorary degrees and diplomas granted, the date of granting, together with the curricula upon which the diplomas and degrees were based.

## Program Information

**Program: Diagnostic Sonography**

**Clock Hours: 1980**

**Admission Requirement:** Persons with high school diploma or GED or college degree or passing score on ATB test are eligible to apply. In addition, applicant is required to pass MEI entrance exam to be admitted to this program.

**Program Descriptions & Objectives:** The objective of the Diagnostic Sonography program is to prepare students with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits required for an entry-level position in the occupations and job titles to which the program is represented to lead. Upon successful completion of this program, graduate is awarded a completion certificate. Graduates of this program may assume a responsible position as a member of the health team in a hospital, imaging center, doctor’s office, or clinic. Positions may also be available in private practice, industry, or government. Duties may include performing ultrasound scans of the upper abdomen, pelvic region, obstetrics, vascular system, and superficial structures.

**Licensure and Certification:** Although some States require workers in this occupation to be licensed, license is not required in California to work in this profession. However, some graduates of Ultrasound Technology program may be eligible (see ARDMS Exam Prerequisite Chart at [http://www.ardms.org/downloads/Prerequisite\\_Chart.pdf](http://www.ardms.org/downloads/Prerequisite_Chart.pdf) for details) to participate in certification examinations from the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographer’s (“ARDMS”). Although CA State does not require licensure in diagnostic medical Sonography, organizations such as the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (“ARDMS”) certify the skills and knowledge of Sonographer’s through credentialing, including registration. Because registration provides an independent, objective measure of an individual’s professional

standing, many employers prefer to hire registered Sonographer's. Sonographer's registered by the ARDMS are Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer's ("RDMS"). Registration with ARDMS requires passing a general physical principles and instrumentation examination, in addition to passing an exam in a specialty such as obstetric and gynecologic Sonography, abdominal Sonography, or Neurosonography. Sonographer's must complete a required number of continuing education hours to maintain registration with the ARDMS and to stay abreast of technological advancements related to the occupation.

**Occupations:** Diagnostic medical Sonographer's held about 46,000 jobs in 2006. More than half of all Sonographer's jobs were in public and private hospitals. The rest were typically in offices of physicians, medical and diagnostic laboratories, and mobile imaging services. Positions available to graduates of Ultrasound Technology program include entry level ultrasound technician, entry level Sonographer's/scanner, and assistant to ultrasound laboratory technicians (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*).

**Course Description: Medical Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology (180 clock hrs):** This module is designed to provide students with the basic fundamental knowledge of human anatomy and medical terminology including body organization, cell tissue membranes, special senses, endocrine, musculoskeletal, nervous, cardiovascular urinary, reproductive and related pathology. Students will gain knowledge of cross-sectional views of the human body, basic math, and the fundamental knowledge to succeed in the ultrasound technology program

- **Vascular (360 clock hrs):** Vascular module will prepare students with an introduction to vascular Sonography. Discussion and lectures topics will be based on vascular anatomy, hemodynamic, special analysis, and cerebral vascular. Students will also be introduced to discussions and lectures of carotid lower venous topics, lower arterial studies topics, normal vs. abnormal pathological conditions, and plethysmography (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).
- **Physics & Instrumentation (360 clock hr):** In this module students are introduced to the nature and physics of the ultrasound, intersection of human tissues, image formations and display, subject of knobology, and 2D scanning instrumentation and their safety functions. Students will also learn the Doppler and color flow among many other significant topics in this subject area (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).
- **Abdomen (360 clock hr):** This module is designed to provide students with the basic knowledge of the regional anatomy and terminology as it relates to the abdominal area and small parts. Upon completion of Abdomen module, students will obtain entry level skill necessary to perform abdominal and small parts ultrasound examinations and will be able to recognize organs and normal anatomy and some pathological conditions (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).
- **OB/GYN (360 clock hr):** This module provides the basics knowledge and skills to perform first, second and third trimester studies; recognize normal vs. abnormal conditions, maternal complications, and fetal assessment. Special gynecological procedures are also discussed in this course. In addition, students are trained to assist Sonographer's to distinguish the normal anatomy and common pathologic conditions vs. commonly known anatomy abnormalities and their conditions. Upon completion of this module students will be able to perform OB/GYN ultrasound examinations at an entry-

level competency (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).

- **Clinical Externship (360 clock hr):** Students participate in a clinical externship where they will gain hands on training. Students are required to be available days and evenings, the externship is part of the students program (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology, Abdomen, OB/GYN, Vascular, and Physics and Instrumentation modules).

### **Required Texts:**

- Berman, M.C. and Cohen, H.L. *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 2nd ed. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.
- Curry, R.A. and Tempkin, B.B. *Exercises in Sonography: Introduction to Normal Structure and Function*, 2nd ed. St. Louis, MO: Saunders.
- Ehrlich, A. and Schroeder, C.L. *Medical Terminology for Health Professions*, 5th ed. Clifton Park, NY: Thomson Delmar Learning.
- Kawamura, D.M. *Abdomen and Superficial Structures*, 2nd ed. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott-Raven Publishers.
- Kremkau, F.W. *Diagnostic Ultrasound: Principles and Instruments*, 7th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Saunders.
- Tempkin, B.B. *Ultrasound Scanning: Principles and Protocols*. Philadelphia, PA: Saunders.
- Zwiebel, W.J. and Pellerito, J.S. *Introduction to Vascular Sonography*, 5th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier, Inc.

### **Program: Medical Assistants**

#### **Clock Hours: 420**

**Admission Requirement:** Persons with high school diploma or GED or college degree or passing score on ATB test are eligible to apply. In addition, applicant is required to pass MEI entrance exam to be admitted to this program.

**Program Descriptions & Objectives:** Medical Assistants are multi-skilled professionals dedicated to assisting in patient care management. This health care professional performs administrative and clinical duties and may manage emergency situations, facilities, and/or personnel. Medical assistants work in physicians' offices, clinics, hospitals and other medical facilities under the supervision of a physician.

**Occupations:** Medical assistants perform administrative and clinical tasks to keep the offices of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors, and other health practitioners running smoothly. The duties of medical assistants vary from office to office, depending on the location and size of the practice and the practitioner's specialty. In small practices, medical assistants usually do many different kinds of tasks, handling both administrative and clinical duties and reporting directly to an office manager, physician, or other health practitioner. Those in large practices tend to specialize in a particular area, under the supervision of department administrators. Medical assistants should not be confused with physician assistants, who examine, diagnose, and treat patients under the direct supervision of a physician. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*).

## Course Description:

- EMTP-115 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)(10 Hours): This course includes didactic and practical skills components. Students will learn techniques for recognizing and treating foreign body airway obstructions and cardiopulmonary arrest. Students will be tested in both written and practical skills abilities, adhering to American Heart Association curriculum for basic life support.
- MEDA-100 Medical Professional Issues (20 Hours): Reviews the role and function of the Medical Assistant. This course focuses on the basic concept of the professional practice of medicine and the scope of practice of the Medical Assistant. Students discuss the personal and professional characteristics and legal and ethical standards for Medical Assistants, explore professional and personal therapeutic communication, and address time management and goal setting.
- MEDA-110 Insurance Billing & Coding (30 Hours): Explores the medical insurance system and related billing and coding. Students learn how to complete and submit electronic and paper insurance claim forms, perform referrals, and apply the correct procedure and diagnostic codes.
- MEDA-128 Phlebotomy Essentials (30 Hours): This course offers skill development in the performance of a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and universal precautions. Includes vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture, and specimen collection on adults, children and infants. Emphasis is on infection prevention, proper patient identification, labeling of specimens and quality assurance, specimen handling, processing and accessioning.
- MEDA-150 Medical Administrative Aspects (40 Hours): Provides an introduction to the administrative skills needed for a medical office. Students learn how to maintain medical records (both paper and electronic), manage appointments, and perform routine office duties. Focuses on the financial aspects of the medical office including accounts payable and accounts receivable. Students examine billing and collection procedures.
- MEDA-155 Patient Care 1 (40 Hours): Introduces basic clinical skills necessary for the Medical Assistant. Aseptic practice for the medical office will be defined, basic patient interaction such as interviewing, obtaining and recording vital signs, assisting with basic physical exams and testing will be studied.
- MEDA-160 Medical Terminology (30 Hours): This course presents a study of basic medical terminology. Prefixes, suffixes, word roots, combining forms, special endings, plural forms, abbreviations, and symbols are included in the content. A programmed learning, word building system will be used to learn word parts that are used to construct or analyze new terms. This provides the opportunity to decipher unfamiliar terms and check their spelling. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage and pronunciation. Abbreviations will be introduced as related terms are presented.
- MEDA-180 Human Body in Health and Disease (30 Hours): Focuses on diseases that are frequently diagnosed and treated in the medical office setting.
- MEDA-240 Clinical Laboratory Diagnostics (50 Hours): The role and function of the professional in the clinical laboratory is introduced. Topics include safety in the laboratory, CLIA government regulations and quality assurance, and microscope procedures and concepts. Students perform procedures in the different departments of the laboratory including specimen collection. Students demonstrate competency in the wide variety of specimen techniques used to collect, process, and test specimens.

- MEDA-250 Pharmacology for Allied Health (30 Hours): Enables the beginning medical professional to understand the foundation and principles of entry level pharmacology. Provides an introduction to the classifications, effects, side effects and adverse reactions for medications.
- MEDA-251 Pharmacology Administration (10 Hours): Students prepare and administer medications via several routes including oral, parenteral (excluding intravenous), transdermal, and inhalation. Emphasis is placed on safe and accurate administration.
- MEDA-255 Patient Care 2 (40 Hours): Focuses on expanding the knowledge and skills in Patient Care 1. More complex and independent procedures performed by the Medical Assistant will be explored. Addresses surgical procedures, physical therapy, principles of radiology, emergency procedures and pulmonary function testing. Includes the performance of an electrocardiogram (EKG).
- MEDA-275 Medical Assistant Externship (60 Hours): Provides the opportunity to apply clinical, laboratory, and administrative skills in a supervised, non-remunerated externship in a medical facility. Emphasis is placed on enhancing competence in clinical and administrative skills necessary for comprehensive patient care and strengthening professional communications and interactions. Upon completion, students should be able to function as an entry-level health care professional. Requires current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (health care provider level).

### **Required Texts:**

- Proctor Deborah B., and Alexandra. Young- Adams. Kinn's the Medical Assistant: An Applied Learning Approach. 11<sup>th</sup> ed. Elsevier-Saunders, 2010.
- Ehrlich, A. and Schroeder, C.L. Medical Terminology for Health Professions, 5th ed. Clifton Park, NY: Thomson Delmar Learning

### **Program: Adult Echocardiography**

#### **Clock Hours: 1980**

**Admission Requirement:** Persons with high school diploma or GED or college degree or passing score on ATB test are eligible to apply. In addition, applicant is required to pass MEI entrance exam to be admitted to this program.

**Program Descriptions & Objectives:** Adult Echocardiography program offers exceptional clinical didactic education and hands-on practical experiences needed to create a well-rounded, fully competent cardiac sonographer in an environment based on teamwork and mutual respect. Student will have opportunity to train and observe in the field of adult echocardiography including patient management and clinical medicine, ultrasound physics and instrumentation, pathophysiology of cardiovascular diseases and therapeutic measures, 2D & M mode echocardiography, cardiac doppler and color flow echocardiography, advanced techniques in echocardiography and stress echocardiography.

**Licensure and Certification:** Although some States require workers in this occupation to be licensed, license is not required in California to work in this profession. However, some graduates of Echocardiography program may be eligible to participate in certification examinations from two organizations: Cardiovascular Credentialing International ("CCI") and the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers ("ARDMS"). The CCI offers four

certifications—Certified Cardiographic Technician (CCT), Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS), Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS), and Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS). The ARDMS offers Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDSCS) and Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) credentials. Although these certifications and credentials are not mandated requirements, many employers prefer to hire individuals who will or have acquired one or more of these credentials.

**Occupations:** Positions available to graduates of Echocardiography program include entry level invasive cardiology technician, echocardiographer, vascular sonographer, and/or entry level assistant to ultrasound laboratory technician. Jobs are performed mostly in cardiology departments, offices of physicians (cardiologists), or in medical and diagnostic laboratories/imaging centers (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*, Diagnostic Medical Sonographers).

### **Course Descriptions:**

- Medical Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology (180 clock hrs): This module is designed to provide students with the basic fundamental knowledge of human anatomy and medical terminology including body organization, cell tissue membranes, special senses, endocrine, musculoskeletal, nervous, cardiovascular/urinary, reproductive and related pathology. Students will gain knowledge of cross-sectional views of the human body, basic math, and the fundamental knowledge to succeed in the ultrasound technology program.
- Vascular (360 clock hrs): Vascular module will prepare students with an introduction to vascular sonography. Discussion and lectures topics will be based on vascular anatomy, hemodynamics, special analysis, and cerebral vascular. Students will also be introduced to discussions and lectures of carotid lower venous topics, lower arterial studies topics, normal vs. abnormal pathological conditions, and plethysmography (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).
- Physics & Instrumentation (360 clock hr): In this module students are introduced to the nature and physics of the ultrasound, intersection of human tissues, image formations and display, subject of knobology, and 2D scanning instrumentation and their safety functions. Students will also learn the Doppler and color flow among many other significant topics in this subject area (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).
- Echocardiography 1 (360 clock hr): This module prepares the students to understand the general study of the echocardiography. It prepares the students to recognize and interpret the following: Coronary Artery Disease, Complications of MI, and Pericardial Diseases. Module will further cover learning how to do ultrasound of the vascular system including carotid arteries, arterial ultrasound of the extremities and venous studies of the lower extremities. The students will be taught how to do Doppler ultrasound including color flow imaging and analysis, and how to evaluate waveforms (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).
- Echocardiography 2 (360 clock hr): This module prepares the students to understand the advanced level of study of the echocardiography. This module prepares the student to recognize and interpret the conditions and symptoms of the Congenital Heart Diseases as well as topics to be further discussed in Echocardiography (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology module).

- **Clinical Externship (360 clock hr):** Students participate in a clinical externship where they will gain hands on training. Students are required to be available days and evenings, externship is part of program (Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of Terminology, Anatomy & Physiology, Vascular, Physics and Instrumentation, Echocardiography 1, Echocardiography 2).

**Required Texts:**

- Curry, R.A. and Tempkin, B.B. (2004). Exercises in Sonography: Introduction to Normal Structure and Function, 2nd ed. St. Louis, MO: Saunders.
- Ehrlich, A. and Schroeder, C.L. (2005). Medical Terminology for Health Professions, 5th ed. Clifton Park, NY: Thomson Delmar Learning.
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