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This document is designed to complement your research on educational and certification prerequisites for medical assistants on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

**Educational Preparation:** Students completing the Medical Assisting program at Forsyth Technical Community College are prepared for administrative and clinical responsibilities in outpatient healthcare settings and may be eligible to sit for the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) exam through the AAMA or the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) exam through AMT.

**Certification and State Requirements:** Most states do not require licensure to work as a medical assistant, but national certification enhances employability and is sometimes required by employers. Some states have specific rules about the scope of practice for medical assistants. Students are encouraged to check with local medical boards or employer guidelines in the state where they plan to work.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource \(1\)](#)

[Additional Resource \(2\)](#)

**Disclaimer:** It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Medical Assisting are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Medical Assisting licensure/certification.

<b>State</b>	<b>Meets State Educational Requirements</b>	<b>Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements</b>
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa	✓	
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam	✓	
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico	✓	
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands	✓	
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico	✓	
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands	✓	
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	