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Rhodes State Medical Assisting Program Receives Continuing Accreditation

Lima, OHIO -- The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) awarded continuing accreditation to the Associate Degree medical assisting program at Rhodes State College. The recent peer review conducted by the Medical Assisting Education Review board has reviewed the program outcome results of the 2008 Annual Report Form (ARF) and congratulates Rhodes State College on meeting the retention, placement, exam success, graduate survey and employer survey outcomes thresholds.

Accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP and program outcome thresholds are established by the American Association of Medical Assistants Education Review Board (MAERB). To be eligible to take the national Certified Medical Assistant exam sponsored by the AAMA, one has to be a graduate of an accredited college program.

Rhodes State started this program in 1998 and graduated its first class in 2000. They have been fully accredited since the implementation of the program and at the last site visit of October 2006 was granted full accreditation with no citations for a full ten years. Rhodes State students are at an 89.3% pass rate on the certification exam.

What is medical assisting? Medical assistants perform routine administrative and clinical tasks to keep the offices and clinics of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors, and optometrists running smoothly. Medical assisting continues to be one of the fastest growing occupations. Job prospects are best for medical assistants with formal training, particularly those with certification.

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