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## **Cabrillo College Announces Openings in New, Accelerated Medical Assistant Certification Program**

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College today announces that registration is currently underway and spaces are still available in a new, accelerated and nationally accredited pathway to a career as a certified Medical Assistant. This new, four-semester program begins in Spring 2012 with an orientation on January 26.

“This program’s curriculum is based upon feedback we’ve received from Medical Assistant employers countywide and provides a strong foundation in the essential skills that entry level Medical Assistants need for success,” said Pamela Sanborn, Medical Assistant Program Chair at Cabrillo College. “We believe this employer-based approach will make our graduates more likely to get hired upon completion of the program.”

The new, accelerated Medical Assistant certification program is a full-time, four-semester program in which students sign up for a block of classes and move through those classes together as a cohort. Students who are part of the cohort are guaranteed placement in the required classes. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Successful completion of the four-semester program will result in the student receiving a Medical Assistant certificate and completion of their externship hours. Students may also opt to complete an Associate in Science degree.

Registration for the program is currently underway and spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis, to any student willing to commit to the entire block of classes. For additional information, please visit [www.cabrillo.edu/academics/medicalassist](http://www.cabrillo.edu/academics/medicalassist).

### **About Cabrillo College**

*Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.*

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