



## Medical Assistant Program at Adventist Health Sonora Welcomes Applicants

*New program opening pathways to health care careers for Mother Lode residents*

June 20, 2023 (Sonora, CA) – Adventist Health Sonora is launching another program to prepare Mother Lode residents for careers in health care. The new Medical Assistant (MA) Program, offered in partnership with COPE Health Solutions, is now welcoming applicants, with classes set to begin this fall.

“Local people who love caring for their community make our organization an excellent place to receive care,” says Michelle Fuentes, President of Adventist Health Sonora. “This program is a great opportunity for those who are passionate about building a health care career and serving their friends, families and neighbors.”

The seven-month program consists of virtual self-study coursework and lectures as well as in-person training in Adventist Health Sonora medical offices. All students will be given priority consideration for full-time roles upon successful program completion, and scholarships for program tuition may be available to qualified students.

Students who complete the Medical Assistant Program will be well-positioned to take the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam, and they will enter a job market in which medical assistants are in high demand. Jobs for medical assistants are expected to increase 19% by 2029, compared to 4% for all occupations over the same period.

“COPE Health Solutions’ Medical Assistant Program is designed to help develop the next generation of health care workers. We are experiencing critical workforce shortages and need innovative training programs within our communities,” says Elizabeth DuBois, DNP, FNP-BC, COPE Health Solutions’ Principal and Chief Operating Officer. “Through this program, Adventist Health is on the leading edge in preparing its current and future workforce to continue delivering excellent care and enhancing the well-being of their communities.”

Applications for the program are due July 28, 2023, with a program start date of September 12. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://copehealthscholars.org/programs/medical-assistant-school/>.

### **About Adventist Health**

*[Adventist Health](#) is a faith-based, nonprofit, integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii with over 400 sites of care. Founded on Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care, and hospice agencies in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of 37,000 includes employees, physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope. We are committed to staying true to our heritage by providing patient-centered, quality care. Together, we are transforming the healthcare experience with an innovative and whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing to support community well-being.*

### **About COPE Health Solutions**

*[COPE Health Solutions](#) is a national tech-enabled services firm with a population health management analytics software solution Analytics for Risk Contracting (ARC), collaboratively implementing proven products with payer and provider clients to power success in risk arrangements and development of the*

*future workforce. Our multidisciplinary team provides payers and providers with the experience, capabilities, and tools needed to plan for, design, implement, and support strategy development and execution. We are driven by our passion to help transform health care delivery, align financial incentives to support population health management, and build the workforce needed for value-based care.*

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