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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT GRADUATES HAVE 100% PASS RATE ON CERTIFICATION EXAM**

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**Concord, NC, October 10, 2008-** Graduates of the Medical Assistant program at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences had a 100% pass rate on the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) Certification Exam 2007-08. All ten graduates passed the exam with an average score of 544 placing the program in the top 13% in the nation. The minimum required score to pass was 425.

The CMA (AAMA) credential is considered the gold standard of medical assisting professionalism. Offered by the Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA), the CMA (AAMA) represents a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) who has been credentialed by the AAMA Certifying Board. The CMA (AAMA) means a professional edge, increased prestige among peers and employers, better job security, and greater career advancement opportunities.

Nine of the ten medical assistant graduates now work in area physician offices. One is continuing her education in the associate degree nursing program at Cabarrus College.

The medical assistant program offers one year diploma and two year associate degree options. Medical assistants work in physician's offices, clinics and outpatient care facilities performing clinical and administrative tasks that include updating and filing medical records; arranging hospital admission and laboratory services; billing and bookkeeping, and performing EKGs. Medical assisting has been rated one of the fastest growing career fields over the next ten years by the United States Department of Labor.

To learn more about the medical assistant program, contact program coordinator Stacey Wilson at 704-403-1639.

**About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences**

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. Over 430 students are enrolled in five associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, surgical technology and associate in science. Baccalaureate completion programs

include health services leadership and management, medical imaging and nursing. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Cabarrus College has experienced tremendous growth this decade, with enrollment doubling and applications for admission increasing nearly 200% since 2003. For additional information visit online at [www.cabarruscollege.edu](http://www.cabarruscollege.edu).