

WPCC medical assisting students achieve 100 percent passing rate on national exam

Ann Giles, coordinator of Western Piedmont Community College's medical assisting program, has just received notice of a 100 percent passing rate for students taking the national examination to achieve the certified medical assisting credential.

The CMA examination, administered by the American Association of Medical Assistants in conjunction with the National Board of Medical Examiners, tests administrative, clinical and general medical knowledge needed to perform in a licensed health care practitioner's office. The examination is offered twice a year at selected sites across the nation.

Eight members of the class of August 2002 passing the January 2003 examination were: Kathaline Coleman, Sue Deese, Sharon Good, Trisha Jones-Hurt, Leslie Patterson, Amy Rogers and Ellissa Taylor, all from Morganton; and Heather Marlowe from Marion.

These students ranked in the 90th percentile compared to students from all other medical assisting programs in the nation. The average standard score for WPCC students surpassed the national average by more than 100 points. The 100 percent pass rate for WPCC students compares to a 66 percent pass rate for all other med-

ical assisting programs.

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