Pathways to Work:
New Medical Assistant Certificate
Meets Community Needs

By Mary McIntosh, ‘82

Until now, local residents wanting to become Medical Assistants had to travel out of the area and/or pay high tuitions to for-profit
programs. Starting this fall, new residents can enroll in GCC’s new
affordable Medical Assistant Certifi-
cate (MAC) program. Medical
Assistant programs are affordable and high quality training sites for
the curriculum for the 29-credit
Certificate program is
specifically designed around stan-
dards set by the Commission
on Accreditation of Allied Health Edu-
cation Programs (CAAHEP).
The MAC program prepares stu-
dents to take the national Certified
Medical Assistant (CMA) exam and
for entry-level jobs.

As community partners in the
initiative, the Franklin Hampshire
Regional Employment Board and the Franklin Hampshire Career
Center assist GCC with networking
area employers and job seekers.
The Career Center has sent students
to Medical Assistant training
programs outside the area in the
past, but now has a local, affordable
and high quality training site for
 aspiring Medical Assistants.

GC’s Dean of Professional Stud-
ies Terry Lynn said, “We developed
aspiring Medical Assistants.
and high quality training site for
programs outside the area in the
Medical Assistant training
Career Center has sent students to
area employers and job seekers. The
initiative, the Franklin Hampshire
washing institutions can contribute to delivering quality
health care in our community.”
The MAC Certificate has been,
approved within GCC’s academic
program review process and by the
Massachusetts Department of
Higher Education.

For information about GCC’s
Medical Assistant Certificate
program, contact Erika Heilig, at
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Student participates in an Anatomy & Physiology lab, a requirement of the MAC Program

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