

Hi there! Congratulations on choosing Ultimate Medical Academy. We're excited to have you join thousands of other students who have come to us for help jumpstarting a new career in the healthcare field.

To get started, be sure you're on a computer or laptop with a reliable internet connection. No mobile devices or tablets, please.

It's time to put your passion to work.

This video will help you take the first step toward your new education. As a student of our Clearwater campus, you're given the flexibility to complete your schoolwork at home, online, and on campus. Whether you're used to on-campus learning or online coursework, we are committed to giving you the tools you need to succeed.

So get ready, and take notes as there will be a brief assessment at the end of this video.

At Ultimate Medical Academy, you're getting more than just an education. You're joining a tight knit community and getting a dedicated support team committed to helping you thrive.

Your On-Campus Support Team is made up of:

A Learner Services Advisor who is focused on helping you through your life and school challenges so you can perform your best and better manage academic stress. Learner Services Advisor can provide you with guidance on everything from accessing community resources like childcare and transportation to understanding student expectations and navigating the online Courseroom.

A Student Finance team to work with you on being able to pay for your tuition and course materials.

Knowledgeable and engaging instructors offering hands-on training, and who truly care about you and your success.

Our Office of Disability Services who will provide reasonable and individualized academic accommodations for students who have demonstrated a need for such accommodations due to their disabilities and have requested reasonable and appropriate accommodations.

And our Career Services Advisors who work with you and our network of employer partners to help you find an externship and a job following graduation. Your Career Services Advisor won't just help you find employment, they'll help you prepare for your new role and career with interview preparation and resume writing assistance, even after you graduate.

Ultimate Medical Academy offers convenient learning options for most programs through a combination of online and hands-on course components. In fact, for most programs you will need to come to campus to complete mandatory labs and hands-on clinical exercises. The rest of your coursework can be completed in the online Courseroom with the exception of externship.

This means that technology plays an important role in your career education. You will need a computer or laptop with reliable internet service, as mobile phones and tablets don't offer students full access to online coursework.

UMA programs typically consist of 5 to 8-week courses ... and there is an expectation that you attend all live lectures and on-campus laboratory sessions and actively participate in the online Courseroom a minimum of 3 times per week. Occasionally, you'll need to take two courses at a time. All diploma programs have an on-site externship component.

To access the online Courseroom, simply visit UMA's student portal and log in.

Before your courses officially begin, try a course preview by going to the Sandbox where you can practice interacting with a course module, responding to discussion threads, submitting assignments and more.

Once inside the Courseroom, you will have 24/7 access to explore your course announcements, review your course syllabus, reach out to your instructors, check your grades as well as review simulations of hands-on clinical skills prior to coming on campus.

And, your instructors and classmates will be available in the online Courseroom for scheduled live lessons, allowing for real-time interaction from the comfort of your home.

To equip you with the tools and knowledge needed to succeed, our Clearwater campus offers access to both the on-campus library and the virtual library.

The on-campus library offers helpful resources, and UMA staff members are ready to assist you with your research and study materials.

The UMA Virtual Library is available 24/7 to facilitate your course research. What's more, our librarian can provide citation assistance.

Now, about Academic Integrity.

It's important you adhere to UMA's scholastic honesty policy. Following it ensures you give credit for borrowed ideas, follow all the rules regarding assignments and assessments, and produce your own work ... even when working with others.

Examples of violating this policy include plagiarism, collusion, duplication and cheating. Violating the policy can have impactful consequences on your status as a UMA student.

While you may be able to complete a lot of your coursework from home, it's still important to visit campus to become familiar with on-campus resources.

Prior to your first day of class, you will come on campus to pick up necessities like your student badge, parking pass, scrubs and books.

You'll learn about the campus emergency preparedness plan and review the hotline information.

You'll also meet your instructors, your classmates, and your friendly on-campus support team.

All students are welcome on campus during business hours, but you'll only be required to travel to campus for lab instruction and practice.

UMA's goal is to empower students with the tools and resources they need to step into the future with confidence.

So if you have a question, we want to answer it . . .

If you have an issue, let us know . . .

If you have a concern, we're here to help . . .

We are passionate about ensuring your educational and career success. And we're all in this together. Whether online or on campus, we are on your side. YOU'RE a part of the team. YOU belong.

Before you go, don't forget to take your orientation assessment. You will need a score of 70 or higher to pass – but don't worry.

You've got this. And we've got you.

Welcome to UMA. Welcome home.