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NMCC medical assisting graduates receive pins signifying entry into profession

Aroostook County - Graduates earning medical assisting degrees from Northern Maine Community College recently held a special pinning ceremony signifying their official entry into the profession. More than 50 family and friends joined the medical assisting students for the event on the NMCC campus.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of a pin to each student from NMCC faculty members Susan Dugal, Penny Mints, and Janet Durgin. During the event the students heard words of encouragement from Timothy Crowley, president of NMCC. The featured guest speaker for the evening, Susan Dugal, offered advice to the students as they enter the medical assisting field. Towards the end of the ceremony, the group recited the medical assistant creed which they are encouraged to follow in their new career field.

Medical assistants perform routine administrative and clinical tasks needed to keep the medical offices and clinics of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors, and other medical professionals running smoothly and efficiently. Others in the profession may work in outpatient surgical centers, laboratories, or hospitals.

The services provided by medical assistants include both the office administrative and clinical aspects of their place of employment. Administrative duties include keeping patient records, managing financial matters, handling insurance arrangements, processing correspondence, and overall office management.

Clinically, the medical assistant prepares and assists in patient examination, records laboratory data, assists with office surgical procedures, performs basic physical assessment and measures vital signs.

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The Northern Maine Community College medical assisting class of 2011 received their pins recently during the medical assisting pinning ceremony. Participating in the ceremony (from left to right) were: Kimberly Boulier of Crystal; Wanda Campbell of Washburn; Tanya Clark of Ashland; Kim Flemings of Limestone; Shauna Johnston of Mapleton; Teresa LaReaux of Haynesville; Richard Michaud and Christine Ramos, both of Houlton; and Stephanie Simon of Caribou.