

NURSING ASSISTANT

Technical Diploma
30-543-1

Nursing Assistants, sometimes called Nurse Aides, Patient Care Assistants (PCA) or Patient Care Technicians (PCT), are in high demand to assist in the care of patients in extended care facilities, home care situations, and, with some additional training, in hospitals. Working under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse, their responsibilities may vary, but personal care and emotional support of patients are always primary considerations.

This 120-hour course involves classroom lectures, campus lab experiences, and a clinical practicum, which involves working in healthcare agencies with patients and residents. Students must be at least 16 years old to attend clinical practicum. Students under the age of 18 must be selected as a Youth Apprentice through their High School. Those who successfully complete this course are eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam to become a part of the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry as a CNA/HHA. The cost for this testing is not included in course fees and tuition.

Program Outcomes

- Communicate and interact effectively with clients, family, and co-workers.
- Maintain and protect client rights.
- Report information and record observations.
- Demonstrate the ethical and legal responsibilities of the NA/HHA.
- Provide safe care to a diverse population, meeting personal, physical and psychosocial client needs.
- Assist with client rehabilitation and restorative care, promoting independence.
- Assist clients with long-term, disabling conditions including dementia, always focusing on the strengths of the client.
- Work cooperatively in a team environment.
- Eligible to take the WI NA Competency evaluation.

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Semester 1		Credits
543-300	Nursing Assistant	3
543-302A	Nursing Assistant - Advanced	2
	Credits	5
	Total Credits	5

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