

Skill Certificate in Certified Nurse Assistant

Students completing this certificate will acquire the knowledge and skills to care for patients experiencing physiological needs for safety and comfort, nutrition, regulatory mechanisms and mobility. Students will also utilize program-acquired knowledge and skills to care for patients' psychological needs for belongingness, communication, esteem and self-respect, and provide basic nursing care to selected patients under the supervision of a Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Successful completion of the program qualifies the student to sit for the State Certifying Exam. Testing fees will apply.

Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate a caring approach that validates the worth and dignity of the client through the effective use of interpersonal processes.
- Utilize knowledge and skills to care for clients experiencing physiological needs, including safety, privacy and comfort, nutritional, regulatory mechanisms, infection control and mobility.
- Utilize knowledge and skills to care for clients experiencing psychological needs for belongingness, communication, self-esteem and self-respect.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be prepared for employment in the following jobs: nursing care facilities, general medical and surgical hospitals, community care facility for the elderly, and employment services.

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED CERTIFICATE COURSES		
Students should be advised that an active American Heart Association CPR card is required in order to enroll in NURS 260. Criminal background checks will also be required as part of the requirements for enrollment.		
NURS 260	Nursing Assistant	6
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TOTAL		6

The Skill Certificate requirements include completion of the certificate courses with a "C" or better grade in each course. Required and support courses may be substituted with the approval of the Nursing and Allied Health Division Chair.