

# NURSING ASSISTANT

Are you a person who likes to care for people? Do you want to enter the rapidly growing health care industry where jobs are waiting for you? Then begin your health care career as a Nursing Assistant.

This program is designed to prepare the student for employment as a Nursing Assistant. You will get the competencies you need for success in passing the State of Florida Nursing Assistant Certification Exam.

The nursing assistant program provides class-room, laboratory and clinical instruction. Topics include: patient's rights, legal and ethical issues, personal hygiene, environment, nutrition, elimination, comfort and safety measures, patient transfer techniques, vital signs, observing and reporting, as well as employability skills.

Once enrolled in our nursing assistant program, you can work as a nursing assistant for 4 months prior to receiving state certification. Then upon successful completion of the program and having passed the State of Florida Nursing Assistant Certification Examination, you are prepared for employment as a Certified Nursing Assistant in accordance with Chapter 82-163, Florida Statutes.ext text .

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

After successfully completing the nursing assistant program, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the health care delivery system and health sciences.
- Demonstrate the ability to use verbal and written communication skills specific to nursing assisting.
- Demonstrate the ability to use inter-personal skills effectively.
- Demonstrate legal and ethical responsibilities.
- Demonstrate an understanding of and apply wellness and disease concepts.
- Recognize and practice safety and security procedures.
- Recognize and respond to emergency situations.
- Recognize and practice infection control procedures.
- Perform physical comfort and safety functions specific to nurse assisting.
- Provide personal patient care.
- Perform patient care procedures.
- Apply principles of nutrition, following the patient plan of care.
- Assist with restorative (rehabilitative) activities.
- Demonstrate computer literacy.
- Apply basic math and science skills.
- Demonstrate employability skills.
- Demonstrate knowledge of blood-borne diseases including AIDS.



## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must take the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) prior to entering the program. Students must have current CPR, American Heart Association or American Red Cross BLS for Healthcare Providers certification and Hepatitis "B" vaccine series (or signed refusal).

## COMPLETION TIME

165 hours which includes classroom theory and clinical experiences in a long-term care setting.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students are prepared for employment as nursing assistants in long-term care facilities or with private agencies.

## CERTIFICATES

A certificate is awarded to students who successfully complete the program's competencies. Graduates are eligible to take the Florida State Certification Exam for Nursing Assistants.

## SALARY RANGE

Local hospitals offer \$12.00/hr.

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