

**NURSING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE
(CE0236J)**

Nursing Assistant Certificate This program is designed to provide comprehensive training that will qualify students for a number of different occupations including Nurse Aid, Medication Aid, Geriatric Aid, Hospital Assistant, Home Companion Aid, and Patient Care Technician.

In addition to the specific occupational skills, the program will provide the opportunity for students to receive a **Career Readiness Certificate (CRC)**. The CRC credential certifies that an individual has demonstrated his/her competence in the foundational skills of Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Applied Mathematics, which are fundamental workplace skills.

The **Nursing Assistant Certificate** program consists of the following courses:

Nurse Aide I

This course introduces basic nursing skills required to provide personal care for patients, residents, or clients in a health care setting. Topics include communications, safety, patients' rights, personal care, vital signs, elimination, nutrition, emergencies, rehabilitation, and mental health. Upon successful completion of the course, students are eligible to apply for the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) Examination necessary for listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry.

Medication Aide

This course covers the six rights of medication administration for non-licensed personnel. Topics include medication administration via the oral, topical and instillation routes, medical asepsis, hand hygiene, terminology, and legal implications. Upon successful completion, students are able to take the competency exam and demonstrate skills necessary to qualify for listing on the North Carolina Medication Aide Registry.

Geriatric Aide

This course provides advanced training for the Nurse Aide I. The course curriculum is focused on geriatric care with an emphasis on person-centered care concepts, hydration, nutrition, mental health, dementia, behavioral challenges, pain management, palliative care, and stress management. Upon successful completion, students are eligible for listing as a Geriatric Nurse Aide with the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry. **Note:** To be enrolled in this course, a student must show proof that they have completed an approved nurse aide training program and are currently listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry.

Medical Terminology

This course is an introduction to the study of the structure of medical words and terms. Emphasis is placed on spelling and defining commonly used prefixes, suffixes, root words, their combining forms, and body organization. Program content covers basic human anatomy and physiology for

all systems, elements of medical terms, and names of major diseases, including terms used in physical exams, operative procedures, and diagnosis.

Career Readiness/Pathways

This course provides employability skills training for unemployed and underemployed adults based on the Certified Nurse Assistant I occupation. The course may be linked either at the beginning or end of the occupational course and addresses topics such as: career exploration, job seeking/keeping strategies, entry-level skill awareness/development, and training success strategies (note-taking, test-taking, test anxiety, and preparing for certification exams/placement tests).