NURSING ASSISTANT CAREER CERTIFICATE—8 credits

The Basic Nursing Assistant Training curriculum prepares students with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform basic care services for a patient (acute care setting) or resident (long-term care setting). The program trains students to function in the role of nursing assistant under the supervision of a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN).

The basic nursing assistant proficiency examination is the State-approved competency evaluation, with both written and manual skills components. The course requires the student to complete a minimum of 80 hours of classroom lecture, perform 40 hours in a clinical setting and successfully demonstrate 21 manual patient/resident care skills. Satisfactory completion of the program requirements provides eligibility to take the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) written competency examination for State certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant or CNA.

This program is approved by IDPH. Individuals completing the program and meeting eligibility requirements for certification can continue in nursing or other health careers. Completion of the Nursing Assistant Program does not guarantee IDPH certification. For specific requirements regarding certification, including residency or employment provisions, contact: IDPH, 535 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62761, 217.782.4997, idph.state.il.us.

Requirements

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Prerequisites

Students must be at least 16 years of age; take MC placement tests—minimum scores of 64 for English/Reading and 50 for Arithmetic; a valid Social Security number. A high school diploma or General Educational Development certificate is not required.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Illinois State Law—Healthcare Worker Background Check Act:

- IDPH requires all nursing assistant students pass a criminal background check.
- A computerized background check will be performed prior to the NUR 105 class.

A felony conviction will prohibit an individual from seeking employment in any healthcare facility in the State of Illinois. Any inquiries regarding criminal convictions should be directed to: Illinois Department of Public Health, 535 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62761, 217.782.2913, idph.net.

Fingerprinting

All students who pass the criminal background check will need to be fingerprinted by an IDPH-approved site prior to the NUR 105 class. A list of IDPH-approved vendors for fingerprinting will be provided upon successful completion of the background check.

Health Requirements

All students must complete a medical history, physical examination, laboratory blood work and receive several vaccines prior to entering the healthcare setting. This is to ensure the health and well-being of patients/residents, visitors, staff and each student enrolled in the program, as well as meeting the requirements of the healthcare facility.

Basic Life Support Certification

All students are required to provide proof of American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support Certification for Healthcare Providers (CPR certification).