



Nurse Assisting

approved by NYS Health Department



NURSE ASSISTING develops the skills, attitudes, and knowledge necessary to care for the sick in health care institutions and private homes. Practical application of theory is stressed. Skills developed in this program may be used as a direct entry to employment or as a preparatory course for Professional Health Careers or Adult Health Career Programs.

The Nurse Assisting class is available to juniors and seniors. It is a one year program in which juniors and seniors who are Certificate eligible (those who have passed the Nurse Assisting class, fulfilled their clinic hours, and met the attendance requirement) may sit for the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) examination. Juniors who have met the above criteria, but who have not taken/passed the CNA exam, are still eligible to enter the Professional Health Careers program the following year as seniors, where they would qualify to take the CNA exam.

Work Environment

Nurse Assistants engage in bedside nursing care under the direction of a LPN or registered nurse. Job duties include assisting the Practical or Registered Nurse, in tending to the care of patients, including bathing, dressing, feeding, transporting, bed making and personal needs. The Nurse Assistant may work in a hospital, a nursing home, or provide care for patients in their home. The Nurse Assistant has the opportunity to work any shift including weekends.

Career Opportunities

Certified Nurse Assistant
Geriatric Aide
Home Health Aide
Psychiatric Attendant
Rehabilitation Aide

Advanced Standing Available*

Pennsylvania College of Technology
SBI Campus

*Advanced Standing may be available to those who successfully complete this Tech course. See Articulation Agreements on page 41.

Employment Outlook

With increased demands for care, the Nurse Assistant shall remain in great demand, both locally and nationwide. Employment may be found in: hospitals, hospices, long-term care facilities, day care and private duty.

Starting Salary: \$30,000/year depending on type of facility. Job may include evening or night hours and weekend duty.

Student Supplies

1. Scrubs and uniform
2. Nursing shoes
3. Name pin
4. Physical examination
5. Watch with second hand (not digital)

Licensing Requirements

All students successfully completing this program will be eligible for the NYS DOH Nurse Aide Certification Examination provided they meet the clinical and classroom attendance requirements.

Academic credits integrated:

See chart, page 26

CTE Endorsement

In order to be granted the Technical Diploma endorsement, students must successfully meet the academic and attendance criteria for a two-year Wilson Tech Certificate of Completion, including Career and Financial Management (CFM), and pass the following national certification exam: NYS DOH Nurse Aide Certification Exam and successfully complete Professional Health Careers in their senior year.

Course Outline

- Introduction to Health Careers
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Nutrition
- Long-term Care
- Medical Terminology
- Supervised Off-site Clinical Experience (108 hrs)
- Legal and Ethical Responsibility
- First Aid
- Diseases and Disorders

Consider these classes at Tech

- Certified Personal Trainer
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory
- Prof. Health Careers (seniors only, must have successfully passed Nurse Assisting)
- Veterinary Assisting