NURSING ASSISTANT

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Overview

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Drug testing and background screening are required. Students must complete livescan fingerprinting prior to the first day of class. Criminal background clearance is required to become a CNA.

Students must obtain an approved uniform and required patient care equipment, obtain a Basic Life Support certificate from the American Heart Association designated for Healthcare Providers and be responsible for transportation to and from clinical facilities.

Upon successful completion of the 160 CDPH program, the student is eligible to take the state certification exam (student is responsible for testing fees) to become a CNA.

Precertification of Nursing Assistant

Skills Certificate

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Required Courses:

Code	Title	Units
NRSA 0003	Precertification Nursing Assistant Training	6.5
Total Units		**6.5**

Course

Understanding course descriptions (https://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/course-information/understanding-course-descriptions/)

NRSA 0003. Precertification Nursing Assistant Training
Units: 6.5
Hours: 202 (85 lecture, 117 laboratory)
Introduction to nursing practice based on the humanistic philosophy of Abraham Maslow. Includes basic skills necessary to assist in satisfying the patient's physical, psychological, social, and cultural needs. Students must be fingerprinted and submit documentation related to received conviction; certification may be denied. Students must meet regulatory requirements for class attendance, health clearance, background check clearance, and valid social security number to participate in the course. Upon successful completion, students are eligible to take the State of California Certification Examination to become a Nursing Assistant qualified for employment in an acute or long-term health care facility. Testing and certification fees are required. (letter grade only) (not transferable)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Describe the fundamental concepts of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) and California Title 22 regulations for safe and quality care in long term care settings.

- Successfully complete the State Competency Test for Nursing Assistants (American Red Cross).