

LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT

Purpose

The Health Care Assistant Program prepares the individual to assist the health care team under the direction of a health care professional. Graduates of the one semester program will be awarded the Certificate of Health Care Assistant. Students who complete the program may qualify for employment as Homemakers, Nurse Assistants, Long-term Care Aides, or Home Health Aides.

Program Description

The Health Care Assistant Program has been designed in modular format to allow sequential scheduling over a semester. The program combines classroom instruction with laboratory work and clinical practice. The curriculum emphasizes employability skills, job seeking skills, legal aspects of health care, safety in health care, communication and observation skills, medical terminology, and basic health care procedures. Included is basic life support (American Heart Association), body structure and function, human growth and development, and nutrition. Emphasis is placed on common diseases and disorders and skills required to care for the long-term care resident.

Program Length

One Semester, 18 semester hours

Degree(s) Offered

Career Certificate

Admission Requirements

- Meet general admission requirements of the college
- High School Diploma or GED
- TB Skin Test will be administered during the semester
- Students must have a clear FBI background check. This will be completed during the semester. Students whose background checks reveals a crime unacceptable by a clinical site may be ineligible for the program.
- Must complete a Health Care Assistant Program Application and submit to Health Care Assistant Office.
- **Must be 18 years of age by October 1st for Fall Semester admit or March 1st for Spring Semester admit**

Contact

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Career Certificate Option

The following advisement plan is a recommended course of study. An academic advisor may alter course sequence to meet individual student needs. In addition, an academic advisor may recommend additional or different courses depending upon student career plans and/or requirements of the college or university to which the student plans to transfer.

One Semester

Course Name	Credit Hours
SSP 1002 Smart Start Pathway.....	2
HCA 1116 Basic Health Care Assisting.....	6

HCA 1124 Special Care Procedures	4
HCA 1214 Body Structure and Function.....	4
HCA 1312 Home Health Aide & Homemaker Serv	2
Total Hours	18

HEALTH CARE (NURSE) ASSISTANT

HCA 1116 – Basic Health Care Assisting – This course includes orientation to program policies, developing employability and job seeking skills, applying legal aspects of health care, applying safety considerations, communication and observation skills, medical terminology, and basic health care procedures. Assisting with elimination needs of patients; assisting in meeting hydration and nutritional needs of client. Six semester credit hours: Two hours lecture, six hours lab, and three hours clinical.

HCA 1124 – Special Care Procedures – Pre/Co-requisite: HCA 1116. This course includes specialized procedures for admitting, transferring, and discharging patients; assisting with diagnostic procedures for patients; assisting with treatments; assisting with elimination needs of patients; assisting in meeting hydration and nutritional needs of client; basic emergency procedures to include CPR/first aid; and basic knowledge and skills required to care for the long-term care resident. Safety is emphasized throughout each procedure. Four semester credit hours: Two hours lecture, four hours lab, and three hours clinical.

HCA 1214 – Body Structure and Function – Pre/Co-requisite: HCA 1116. This course includes study of the structure, function, common disorders, and normal aging-related changes of the integumentary, musculoskeletal, nervous, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, urinary, reproductive, endocrine, and sensory systems; stages of human growth and development; and nutritional needs throughout the life cycle. Four semester credit hours: Three hours lecture and two hours lab.

HCA 1312 – Home Health Aide and Homemaker Services – Pre/Co-requisites: All core courses. This course includes basic knowledge and skills required to care for the home bound patient; and basic knowledge and skills required to provide homemaker services. Two semester credit hours: One hour lecture and two hours lab.