



# Basic Nursing Assistant (429)

## Certificate Program

### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This program prepares students to enter the health care workforce. Attendance in class is mandatory to meet federal and state standards set for nursing assistants. All students must achieve grades of “C” or above in theory and complete 40 clinical hours in order to receive a certificate of completion. The program is approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Students who successfully complete the program are eligible for the Nurse Aide Training Competency Evaluation. The program is 88 hours of theory in the classroom and 40 hours of clinical experience in an area health care facility.

### NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Nursing Assistants work as caregivers in all types of health care facilities and agencies, but predominantly in long term care under the supervision of nurses. Advancement in the health care field is possible with further education.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The physical demands described below are representative of those that must be met by the basic nursing assistant student to successfully perform the essential functions of both the job requirements of a basic nursing assistant and the required clinical experiences of a basic nursing student. While performing the duties of the basic nursing assistant program/job, the basic nursing assistant student is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; talk; and hear. The basic nursing assistant student is frequently required to sit, reach with hands and arms, stoop, kneel, crouch, and/or crawl. The basic nursing assistant student must regularly move up to ten pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds or more. It is the responsibility of the student applying for admission to the basic nursing assistant program to notify the Dean Nursing and Allied Health in his/her Request for Admission to the Nursing Program any concerns regarding the physical, mental, or emotional health of the applicant that could impact the student's success in the program.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### Must be completed prior to admission.

1. Candidate must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Meet the required reading score
3. Attend a Basic Nursing Assistant orientation session.
4. Two-step TB test or equivalent.
5. Health care worker background check.
6. Influenza vaccine, hepatitis B vaccine or titer, or signed declination form.
7. Valid social security card.
8. Documentation of vaccine history or documented titer levels.
9. Physical Exam.
10. Urine drug screen.

Please visit the Illinois Nurse Aid testing site for more information about the BNA training program or testing. [www.nurseaidtesting.com](http://www.nurseaidtesting.com)

For more information about finger printing, criminal background check, disqualifying convictions, and waiver information please visit [www.idph.state.il.us/nar/home.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/nar/home.htm)

### PROGRAM CONTACTS

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### REQUIRED COURSE

### 8 Sem. Hours

NURS	091	Nurse Assistant	8
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**Total Hours =**

**8**