NURSE’S AIDE (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
Physical demands include the ability to stand, sit, squat, good finger dexterity, and ability to lift up to 100 pounds. Students must also successfully meet and document all health and background checks required by academic departments and clinical sites prior to clinical practicum. This includes a two-step Mantoux TB skin test, a flu vaccination during flu season, and a statement from the health care provider that pregnant women have no restrictions for clinical work.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
1. Candidate must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Compass reading score of 40 or above, or equivalent ACT score.

PROGRAM CONTACTS
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REQUIRED COURSE 8 Sem. Hours
NURS 091 Nurse Assistant 8

Total Hours = 8