

Basic Nursing Assistant (429)

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 80 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, under the supervision of nurses. Advancement in the health care field is possible with further education.

Special Considerations

While performing the Basic CNA duties, you are regularly required to stand, walk; use your hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; talk, and hear. You are frequently required to sit, reach with hands and arms, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. You must regularly move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift or move up to 100 pounds or more.

Program Contacts

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Admission Requirements

1. Must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Attend a mandatory Basic Nursing Assistant orientation.
3. Two-step TB test or equivalent.
4. Current health care worker background check.
5. Influenza vaccine.
6. Valid Social Security Card
7. Documentation of vaccines.
8. Physical exam and health history.

Please visit the Illinois Nurse Aid testing site for more information about the BNA training program or testing: nurseaidetesting.com.

For more information about finger printing, criminal background check, disqualifying convictions, and waiver information, please contact program coordinator.

Required Course	8 Credit. Hours
NURS 109 Nurse Assistant	8
Total Credit Hours =	8