

NURSING ASSISTANT - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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Requirements		
HLSC 1510	Medical Terminology	3
HLSC 1520	Anatomy and Physiology for Health Careers	4
NUAS 1110	Nursing Assistant Theory and Laboratory	5
NUAS 1115	Nursing Assistant Clinical	4
EMSS 1116	BLS Clinical Preparations	1
Total Credits		17

A Suggested Plan of Study: One Semester

First Year		
Fall		Credits
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A Suggested Plan of Study: Two Semesters

The C.N.A program may be completed with dual/concurrent enrollment by high school students completing it over multiple semesters. There is no mandatory sequence when completing the required courses, but a strong recommendation that the NA 105 Clinical and OEEM 101 C.P.R be completed in the students **LAST** semester.

Freshman		
Fall		Credits
HLSC 1510	Medical Terminology	3
HLSC 1520	Anatomy and Physiology for Health Careers	4
NUAS 1110	Nursing Assistant Theory and Laboratory	5
Credits		12
Spring		
NUAS 1115	Nursing Assistant Clinical	4
EMSS 1116	BLS Clinical Preparations	1
Credits		5
Total Credits		17

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will identify and understand the roles, functions, and responsibilities of the nursing assistant as a member of the health care team.
2. Students will apply the knowledge and skills needed to give safe client care as a beginning nursing assistant in healthcare facilities under the supervision of a licensed nurse.
3. Students will demonstrate professional communication skills, including recording, reporting, and legal and ethical responsibilities.
4. Students will demonstrate safety and infection control practices correctly performing the required 22 clinical skills that comply with standards of practice for nursing assistants.

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