



Nursing Assistant

Certificate of Occupational Training

5 credit hours

In Person

The certificate of occupational training in Nurse Assistant is designed to prepare students to successfully sit for the state nurse assistant certification examination. The Nurse Assistant Program is designed to educate students in physical, emotional, and spiritual assessment of residents' needs and concerns. Students receive training and practice in all state required resident care skills in the classroom lab as well as in several community settings. Students learn resident rights as well as the laws that protect those rights. Understanding of the role of the nurse assistant within the legal scope of practice is an expected outcome of this program. Mandatory drug screening, criminal background checks and other clinical prerequisites will be required for all Nursing Assistant students. Students should contact their instructors or talk with their advisors as soon as possible for more details. Upon completion of the certificate students will be able to:

- Care for people who are ill or have impaired self-care capabilities.
- Have the necessary knowledge of body systems functions including normal ranges for vital signs so that they are able to, assess and report patients/residents status to nursing staff.
- Provide basic patient care such as feeding, bathing, ranges of motion exercises, transfer patients, change linens, mouth and dental care and repositioning.
- Provide all indirect care as required by state guidelines including patient safety, patient rights and preferences, infection control and patient/resident comfort.

Suggested order and time of completion:

Junior or Senior Year:

FYEX 1141- Career Explorations and Planning (3)

EMS 100 - Basic Life Support (1)

NA 111 - Nursing Assistant Class (2)

NA 111L - Nursing Assistant Lab (2)

NM State CNA Exam (1 day at ENMU-Ruidoso to follow certificate completion)