



Nursing – Nurse Assistant/Aide

General description: HLTH 141 Nurse Assistant Training is approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to provide instruction in basic nursing skills in theory, laboratory, and clinical settings. Upon successful completion of all course requirements, which includes meeting the Health Care Worker Background Check Act criteria, students are eligible to apply for the Competency Evaluation Exam. Students who successfully pass the Competency Evaluation Exam are added to the IDPH Health Care Worker Registry and are eligible to work as Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs).

Sample of job titles with this certificate: Patient Care Attendant, Certified Nurse Aide, Home Health Aide, Nursing Assistant, Orderly, Health Care Technician, Ward Attendant, or Patient Care Technician. These employees work under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse and function as members of the health care team in a long-term care facility, hospital, clinic or home care setting.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a national increase of 11% from 2016 to 2026 for nurse assistants, faster than the average for all occupations. In Illinois the projected growth is 5.2%. In 2017, the Illinois median hourly wage was \$13.35 per hour.

Admission Criteria: Meet eligibility requirements for admission to the College, be at least 16 years of age, and successfully complete Nurse Assistant reading and math pre-tests or approved alternate assessments..

Please Note: Students must have a background clear of any disqualifying convictions as verified by a fingerprint-based background check or obtain a waiver from the Illinois Department of Public Health before attending clinical.

This is a career and technical education program. This course may not transfer to four-year institutions.

Certification: Students must complete all course requirements and meet the Health Care Worker Background Check criteria to be eligible to apply for the State Competency Evaluation Exam. Students who pass the exam are placed on the State of Illinois Health Care Worker Registry as CNAs. Employers verify students' certification through the Health Care Worker Registry; the state does not issue credentials, certificates, or licenses to CNAs.

HLTH 040 Nurse Assistant Competency Skills Assessment is designed for Nurse Assistants who were previously certified but have not worked a minimum of 8 paid hours during the previous 24 months. Students must demonstrate completion of an approved Basic Nurse Assistant Training program and be listed on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry.

Suggested Full-Time Course Sequence:

First Semester	Credit Hours
HLTH 141	8

Nurse Assistant Courses		Credit Hours	Nurse Assistant Cert. 0053
HLTH 141	Nurse Assistant Training	8	X
Total Hours			8