

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Health Professions Division
Certified Nursing Assistant

Discipline Code

AHSC

Course Number

1213

Course Title

Certified Nursing Assistant

Catalog Description

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT & PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) The Certified Nursing Assistant Program is designed to meet the industry driven demand for Certified Nursing Assistants. This course provides the student with an introduction to healthcare, didactic instruction, hands on skills and clinical training. Specifically, basic nursing skills including vital signs, personal care skills and Alzheimer's and Dementia training are covered. This course prepares the successful student to sit for the Arkansas Certified Nursing Assistant Exam. The course is taught following the Arkansas Long-Term Care Facility Nursing Assistant Training Curriculum.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites: Score of 19 or higher on the ACT or 78 or higher on the placement reading test, or approval of the course coordinator.

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

40 lecture and 36 lab contact hours; 24 clinical hours

Load hours

7 load hours

Semesters Offered

summer, fall and spring

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the participant will be able to:

1. Demonstrate learned skills with documentation on validation checklists:
 - a. Hand washing
 - b. Isolation Techniques
 - c. Vital Signs
 - d. Recognizing and Reporting Changes
 - e. Basic Skin Care
 - f. Basic Restorative Care
 - g. Child Maltreatment Reporter Training
2. Prioritize specific actions that can be taken within the role of the certified nursing assistant.
3. Verbalize specific fluctuations in vital signs that should be reported immediately to the nurse
4. State basic principles of correct documentation

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students will begin to develop critical thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.
- Students will develop the skill to use a variety of sources to locate, evaluate and use information

