Basic Information

AHSC 1213 CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) AHSC 1223 PCA (Patient Care Assistant)

There are no prerequisites for <u>AHSC 1213</u>. You will learn basic patient care skills in providing care for residents of long term care facilities. Class is divided between lecture and hands on lab. You will practice skills like checking blood pressure, safely moving people, and providing personal care for them. Lecture/lab will be 2 days a week in the spring and fall semesters, 3 days a week in the summer. Clinical is in a long term care facility in addition to the lecture/lab during the week. Clinical is 3 eight hour days. Upon completion of this class you will receive your CNA Certificate of Training and be eligible to take the State Nurse Assistant Exam. Upon passing this exam you will receive your State Certification.

The State C.N.A. Exam will be held at NWACC towards the end of each semester. The cost for the exam is \$89. This exam is in 2 parts: a written exam and a practical exam. You will be well prepared for this exam after completing AHSC 1213.

The prerequisite for <u>AHSC 1223 PCA</u> is to pass AHSC 1213 or have a current CNA state certification. You will learn more advanced skills, based on what you learned in AHSC 1213. Some of the skills you will learn include: checking blood sugars, cardiac monitoring, and caring for post-op patients. Class is the same as C.N.A., lecture and lab 2 or days a week. Clinical is in a hospital setting in addition to the lecture/lab during the week. Clinical is 3-4 eight hour days. Upon completion of this course you will have become CPR certified and receive your PCA certificate of training.

Prior to class starting

Prior to class starting you will need to complete the application and all of the listed requirements which include a current TB skin test, proof of childhood immunizations, and state and federal background check as well as drug screening. These are requirements that all the local hospitals require before any student can attend clinical. This is somewhat time consuming and must be completed before the first day of class. Thus, you need to talk with the Lead Instructor before the semester starts.

Expenses are listed on the application form which can be found at www.nwacc.edu under academics, academic divisions, health professions, and then C.N.A./PCA.