

NURSING ASSISTANT

Certificate

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Nursing assistants perform basic nursing functions and procedures involving patient care. They work under the supervision of a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or physician. Nursing assistants tend to matters relating to personal hygiene, safety, nutrition, exercise, and elimination where maintaining patient comfort is a priority.

Nursing assistants may be called upon to lift, move, or observe patients, as well as measure temperatures, pulses, respirations, and blood pressures. They may assist with patient admissions and discharges as well. The scope of their responsibilities, however, varies considerably depending upon the type of organization in which they are employed.

NOTE: Admission to the Nursing Assistant program requires CPT scores as follows: Reading > 40 *or* CCDS 104N; Writing > 50 *or* CCDE 105; Math > 30 *or* CCDM 100N.

NURSING ASSISTANT REQUIREMENTS

OEHO 120, Medical Terminology	3
OEHO 153, Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology.....	4
OENA 104, Basic Fundamentals of Personal Care.....	4
OENA 105, Certified Nursing Assistant Completion.....	4
TOTAL.....	15 credits