

NURSING ASSISTANT



Program Code 30-543-1
Expected Program Costs: \$650
Median Annual Salary: \$22,000

OVERVIEW

Nursing assistants, sometimes called nurse aides or attendants, are in high demand to assist in the care of patients in hospitals, extended care facilities and home care situations. Working under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse, their responsibilities may vary, but personal care and emotional support of patients are always primary considerations.

This 120-hour program involves online lecture, campus lab experiences and 48 hours of clinical practicum, which involves working in health care agencies with patients and residents. Students must be at least 16 years old to attend clinical practicum.

The Mid-State Technical College Nursing Assistant program is accredited by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Bureau of Quality Assurance.

The Nursing Assistant program is offered at the Marshfield, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids campuses.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Nursing Assistant graduate, to be able to:

- Effectively communicate and interact on a one-to-one basis with clients, family and peers
- Provide care that shows recognition of client rights and the role of state and federal agencies regarding abuse, neglect and misappropriation
- Report and record observations timely and accurately to proper persons
- Perform within legal and ethical boundaries of the nursing assistant and home health aide
- Safely and effectively provide for personal care and hygiene
- Demonstrate skills and behaviors that assist the client to attain and maintain independence through restorative care
- Demonstrate acceptance of and concern for clients and their families who are experiencing long-term disabling conditions, including dementia

Note: Outcomes for the Nursing Assistant program are state and federally mandated.

CAREER OPTIONS

CBRF Caregiver
Home Health Aide
Nursing Assistant

POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT

Potential advancements generally require further education.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

To apply to the Nursing Assistant program, please complete the following steps and submit all required documents (in one packet) listed below to the MSTC Admissions Office:

Step 1:

1. Complete an MSTC application form available online at www.mstc.edu/nursingassistant or request an application from any MSTC campus and return it with a \$30 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Complete the Accuplacer or ACT test. Minimum scores required:
 - Reading-Accuplacer score of 55
 - Sentence Skills-Accuplacer score of 60
 - Math-Accuplacer score of 34
 - ACT equivalents for above scores are acceptable.

If a student does not meet the required test scores, they may retest or complete an identified structured course(s) in the Academic Support Center.

3. Must be at least 16 years of age.
4. Provide proof of identification (photocopy of driver's license or passport).

5. Complete a Background Information Disclosure (BID) form and submit \$15 for the Caregiver Background check. The Wisconsin Caregiver Law requires a background check. This form is available at www.mstc.edu/nursingassistant.
6. Complete an online information session and accompanying quiz found on the Nursing Assistant accepted student website only after satisfactorily completing steps 1-5 above. This website address will be provided in the program acceptance letter sent to applicants upon satisfactory completion of those steps. In the information session, students learn about the profession, academic requirements of the program and the impact of program coursework on one's personal life. Once a student has completed steps 1-6, he/she is then able to register for a Nursing Assistant course.

Mid-State Technical College
Admissions
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES

A list of specific physical, emotional and mental tasks needed to function as a

Nursing Assistant is available online on the accepted student website or in print by contacting the Service & Health associate dean. It is the student's responsibility to notify the disability services coordinator in the Student Affairs Office to receive assistance.

CLINICAL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Clinical sites have the right to refuse a student's admission based on pending charges and conviction records. If you have a criminal history, you may not be able to complete clinical courses. MSTC will make two attempts to place a student in an appropriate clinical experience.

Students with a criminal background will not be allowed to register for a Nursing Assistant course until they receive confirmation from an MSTC counselor that they are approved for clinical placement, and those students may only register for a course with clinical scheduled at the facility that approves them for placement.

Prior to beginning a clinical experience in a healthcare facility, students must:

- a. Provide evidence of good health by completion of required health work within three months prior to starting their clinical experience. The required form for reporting the results of your physical exam and specific immunization information is available on the accepted student website. The completed physical form is due the first day of class unless the class is accelerated, in which case it is due three weeks prior to the first day of class.
- b. Obtain the required uniform for clinical experiences.
- c. Assume responsibility for clinical assignment(s) regardless of time and location, including transportation and other personal arrangements.

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

In order to maintain a passing status and

progress in the program, students must:

- Receive a minimum grade of "C" or better in the 30543300 course
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

CERTIFICATION

The Department of Health Services, Bureau of Quality Assurance requires that students who successfully pass the Nursing Assistant program take a state certification exam to qualify them to be listed on the state and federal nurse aide registries. Information to apply for this certification exam will be provided to students during their Nursing Assistant course. Nursing assistants must be listed on the state and federal nurse aide registries to be eligible to work in Wisconsin.

PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTION

**30543300 // 3 credits
Nursing Assistant**

This 120 hour course prepares learners to display effective interpersonal and social interaction skills in a care setting; perform basic nursing, personal care and restorative skills; identify principles of and requirements related to client rights; and demonstrate techniques for meeting the basic needs of clients with dementia.
Prerequisite: Admission to Nursing Assistant Program 305431 and Nursing Assistant Informational Session

CURRICULUM		
30543300	Nursing Assistant	3 credits