

## Frequently Asked Questions about the Nursing Assistant Refresher Course at Mid-State Technical College (MSTC)

**Q: I was certified as a nursing assistant, but my certification has lapsed. What do I have to do to get reinstated on the Wisconsin state registry?**

Your first step is to look up on the registry to see if you were ever on it. Depending on the year that you were a nursing assistant you may not be. Look on this web site to see if you are listed:

[https://www.asivcs.com/services/registry/search\\_generic.asp?CPCat=0750NURSE](https://www.asivcs.com/services/registry/search_generic.asp?CPCat=0750NURSE)

If you are NOT listed, then you have to retake the entire Nursing Assistant course again. Please follow this link to apply to the MSTC Nursing Assistant program:

<http://www.mstc.edu/nursingassistant/apply.htm>

If you are listed on this web page but are “expired,” you then have to retake the state competency test to become current again. You can either do this yourself by following the directions on this web page:

<http://www.asivcs.com/indhome.asp?CPCAT=0750NURSE>

OR

You can register for the “Nursing Assistant Refresher” independent study continuing education course at MSTC to help you prepare for the exam.

**Q: I was certified as a nursing assistant in another state and now want to work in Wisconsin. What do I do?**

If you were a nurse aide in a different state, you must complete the application from the link at <http://www.asivcs.com/publications/pdf/075001.pdf> and mail it to the state where you hold current certification. The information on that application will be completed by that state’s Department of Health Services and forwarded on to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for consideration. You will be notified by the Wisconsin DHS as to whether or not you will be allowed on the Wisconsin nurse aide registry. If you are not allowed on the registry, DHS will notify you if you need to either retake the Wisconsin certification exam or the entire Nursing Assistant course.

**Q: I am/was a personal care worker at an assisted living facility and completed all my CBRF training; can I take the nursing assistant state exam to become a certified nursing assistant?**

No, the Wisconsin DHS strictly controls the curriculum of nurse aide training programs as specified by DHS 129. You must complete and pass the entire Nursing Assistant program to be allowed to take the state certification exam to become a certified nursing assistant.

**Q: What does the “Nursing Assistant Refresher” course entail?**

This is a goal-centered course. Once you register for the “Nursing Assistant Refresher” course, contact the lead instructor, Carrie Engelbright, at [carrie.engelbright@mstc.edu](mailto:carrie.engelbright@mstc.edu). The lead instructor will place you in a class for approximately 12 hours of written and skills exam review. The instructor will also help you complete the application to test for the state certification exam. If you wish to practice your skills, you can attend as many open skills labs as desired. If you wish attend more hours of training, contact the lead instructor to schedule more class time throughout the semester. To successfully pass this course, you must meet attend the scheduled class times as outlined by the lead instructor.

**Q: How much does the “Nursing Assistant Refresher” course cost?**

The cost is minimal, approximately \$38 for the course.

**Q: Are there any other resources available to help me to prepare for the certification exam?**

You may purchase in any MSTC bookstore location a DVD depicting certification testing skills. The cost is minimal, less than \$2.