



# NURSING ASSISTANT

## Technical Diploma Program Code: 30-543-1 Total Credits: 2

The Nursing Assistant program at Mid-State provides hands-on learning that prepares students to assist in the care of patients in hospitals, extended care facilities, and home care situations. This 81-hour program includes campus lab experiences, and a 27-hour clinical practicum working with patients and residents. Skills labs ensure students have opportunities to practice skills under the supervision of experienced professionals. Personal care and emotional support of patients are always primary considerations. Upon completion of the course, students may choose to take the state certification exam.

Mid-State's Nursing Assistant program course prepares students to obtain state certification to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states.

**Estimated tuition and fees:** [mstc.edu/programcosts](http://mstc.edu/programcosts)

### ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715.422.5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit [mstc.edu/advising](http://mstc.edu/advising).

### NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- ☐ Submit a Mid-State application at [mstc.edu/apply](http://mstc.edu/apply).
- ☐ Send official transcripts to:  
Mid-State Technical College  
Student Services  
1001 Centerpoint Drive  
Stevens Point, WI 54481
- ☐ Set up student MyCampus account at [mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance](http://mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance).
- ☐ Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at [mstc.edu/advising](http://mstc.edu/advising).



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## CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING AND EXPERIENCE

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- Certifications and Licenses
- High School Credit
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at [mstc.edu/cpl](https://mstc.edu/cpl).

## TECHNICAL DIPLOMA

### NURSING ASSISTANT

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#### Start Your Career

- CBRF Caregiver
- Home Health Aide
- Nursing Assistant

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

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For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer agreements with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information and additional opportunities, visit [mstc.edu/transfer](https://mstc.edu/transfer).

## OTHER OPTIONS

### RELATED PROGRAMS

- Dental Assistant
- Health & Wellness Promotion
- Health Information Management
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Coder
- Nursing
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Radiography
- Respiratory Therapy
- Sterile Processing Technician
- Surgical Technology

## OUTCOMES

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

- Communicate effectively with clients, family, and co-workers.
- Protect rights of clients.
- Demonstrate ethical and legal responsibilities.
- Work cooperatively in a team environment.
- Provide holistic, safe care to diverse populations
- Demonstrate reporting and documentation.
- Assist clients with rehabilitation and restorative care.
- Provide safe care for clients with acute and chronic health conditions.
- Complete educational requirements for the WI NA competency evaluation.

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

## TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Nursing Assistant students will fulfill the TSA requirement with successful completion of the Nursing Assistant course.

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

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## ADDITIONAL ENTRY CRITERIA

To apply to the Nursing Assistant program, please submit the following documents to Mid-State Admissions:

GPA of 2.0 as a high school junior or above.

Complete a Background Information Disclosure (BID) form and submit \$15 Caregiver Background check. The Wisconsin Caregiver Law requires a background check.

Must be at least 16 years of age.

After satisfactorily completing above steps, complete an online information session and accompanying quiz found on the Nursing Assistant accepted student website. 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 the steps above, they are then able to register for the Nursing Assistant course.

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A list of specific physical, emotional, and mental tasks needed to function as a nursing assistant is available at [mstc.edu/programs/nursing-assistant](http://mstc.edu/programs/nursing-assistant). Contact the Disability Services coordinator in the Student Services & Information Center to receive assistance.

## CLINICAL-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Prior to placement at a clinical site, students need to pay for a criminal background check and provide documentation of required health work and immunization records.

Clinical sites have the right to refuse a student's placement based on inadequate health records, pending charges, or conviction records. Students with a criminal history may not be able to complete clinical courses. Mid-State will make two attempts to place a student in an appropriate clinical experience before the student is able to register for their preferred site. If Mid-State is unable to place the student after two attempts, the student will be unable to register for the Nursing Assistant course.

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

- a. Submit evidence of completed health work.
- b. Obtain the required uniform for clinical experiences.
- c. Accept responsibility for clinical assignment(s) regardless of time and location, including transportation and other personal arrangements.

## PROGRAM PROGRESSION

In order to successfully complete the program, students must receive a "C" or better in the Nursing Assistant course 30543200.

## 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 in 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. Appropriate proof of identity will be required by the certification testing agency.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Nursing Assistant program is a prerequisite for admission to the Nursing program.

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit [mstc.edu/studenthandbook](http://mstc.edu/studenthandbook) to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

## SAMPLE CURRICULUM OPTION

<b>Term</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
30543200 Nursing Assistant	2
<b>Total credits 2</b>	

Please Note:

- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to **mstc.edu/schedule**.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Nursing Assistant

#### **30543200.....2 credits**

The Nursing Assistant program prepares students for employment as nursing assistants. The program also prepares Nursing Assistant students with some of the skills needed for the first semester of the Nursing program. During this 81-hour course, students are required to demonstrate the following skills under the supervision of a licensed nurse: communication, basic nursing assistant and personal care skills, attention to clients' rights, and care of clients with dementias. The program is recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as a nurse-aide training program. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Wisconsin Nursing Assistant competency evaluation for employment in nursing homes, hospitals, home health agencies, hospices, CBRFs, assisted living centers, and homes for the developmentally disabled.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Nursing Assistant program 305431 and Nursing Assistant Checklist within last 3 months*