BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

Program Overview

According to a recent U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report, as population ages and advances in medicine increase the number of persons living with chronic medical conditions, the need for long-term care workers will continue to grow over the next several decades. Although nurse assistants work under the direct supervision of licensed health care providers, they provide much of the direct, hands-on care in long-term settings, both in nursing homes and in the community. Employment opportunities also exist in many other healthcare settings. The combination of this education and work experience will provide valuable insight not only into the art and science of nursing, but also into many other careers in healthcare.

The certificate program consists of theory and lab practice at the college and a practical clinical component in an area healthcare facility. The program is approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health **(77 Ill. Adm. Code 395**). A criminal background check is required of all students **(225 ILCS 46/)**; for a list of disqualifying convictions, see www.idph.state.il.us//nar/disconvictions.htm. Successful completion of this program, with a minimum grade of C or better, leads to eligibility to take the written Illinois Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide Competency Exam for employment and certification as a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA). CNA's can expect to earn between $11 and $13 per hour.

For the course description and prerequisites, refer to the course listing section of the catalog.

Requirements for the Basic Nurse Assistant Certificate

Curriculum: OCC 211	Credit Hours	
Program Core	7	(7) NAE 100 Basic Nurse Assistant
Total Certificate Credits	7	

Other Certificate Graduation Requirements:

- 2.0 minimum cumulative G.P.A. at MCC upon completion of program
- For certificates of less than 12 credit hours, **all** required credits must be completed through MCC coursework. For all other certificates, one-half of the minimum credit hours required must be completed through MCC coursework
- Completion of the Application for Graduation process (and fee)

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