



# NURSE'S AIDE (429)

## Certificate Program

### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This program prepares students to take the state certification exam for Nursing Assistants. Upon successful completion of the exam, students may work as Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA). This certification program is offered every semester, including the summer session, at the main campus in Freeport. It is also scheduled at an off-campus site annually. This class requires 80 hours of classroom lecture and 40 hours of clinical time.

### NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Positions are available for CNAs in long-term care facilities, home health-care, and limited acute care settings in the immediate area. Employment is available nationwide. This is an entry-level position in the health care field. Students may choose to continue in a program in nursing by entering one of the nursing programs offered at Highland.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The ability to care, a willingness to learn, and the ability to work hard and be a team player will increase the student's chances of being successful in this program.

### TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST:

1. Be at least 15 years old.
2. A two-step Mantoux TB test done prior to the tenth day of class is required. A copy of the written results must be given to the instructor.
3. Compass reading score of 40 or above.

### PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland for the following program contacts:

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<b>REQUIRED COURSE</b>	<b>8 Sem. Hours</b>
NURS 091 Nurse Assistant	8
<b>Total Hours =</b>	<b>8</b>