



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 acute and long-term care facilities and home health-care 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. There are no pre-admission requirements.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST:

1. Be at least 15 years old.
2. Candidates who do not have a high school diploma or GED must be able to read at grade level 8 or above.
3. A two-step Maxtox TB test done prior to the tenth day of class is required. A copy of the written results must be given to the instructor.
4. A Nelson Denny score of 13 is required prior to the first day of class. Testing is held two to three times before the start of the semester in the Campus Success Center.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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REQUIRED COURSE 8 Sem. Hours

NURS 091	Nurse Assistant	8
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Total Hours =	8
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