



College of the Redwoods

Health Occupations

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Nurse Assistant Program Program Information

The Nurse Assistant is one who is trained to perform basic nursing care skills for those who are unable to care for themselves.

The training program, consisting of a 6-unit course one semester in length, is offered Fall and Spring Semesters on the main campus in Eureka and on a rotational basis at the Del Norte campus in Crescent City. The course, HO 110 - Basic Patient Care, usually meets on Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 6:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (in Eureka).

The basic skills of bed making, bathing, vital signs, blood pressures, and other techniques for personal care are practiced in the nursing skills lab on the college campus, then performed with patients in the long-term care facilities (skilled nursing facilities).

Upon successful completion of this course, the student may apply to take the examinations for California state certification as a Nurse Assistant. This course also serves as a prerequisite for the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program at the College of the Redwoods.

Job opportunities are in nursing homes, long-term care facilities, clinics, acute care facilities and some physicians' offices. The Nurse Assistant works under the direction of a licensed nurse (LVN or RN).

Prior to attending the clinical component of HO 110, students will:

- Submit completed physical exam forms indicating good physical and mental health, ability to meet the physical requirements of the program, TB testing, and immunity to rubeola, rubella, Varicella, tetanus and hepatitis (hepatitis may be waived).
- Submit Livescan fingerprinting. Students are apprised that in accordance with California Title 22 Section 71828(c) students will not be allowed to participate in clinical experiences if they have been convicted of crimes defined in Sections 220, 243.4, 261, 264.1, 273, 288, 289 and 368 of the Penal Code.
- CPR for adults (recommended, but not required).

Additional HO 110 course expenses (below costs/fees are approximate and subject to change)

- \$ 44.00 Livescan fingerprint processing
- 15.00 Dept of Health Services Application Fee
- 50-100.00 Uniform, shoes, and watch
- 20.00 Varicella titer
- 120.00 Hepatitis immunization (optional)
- 80.00 NATAP certification exam
- **\$ 400.00 Total Approximate Cost** (optional fees additional)

Physical exam and some immunizations are available free of charge at the CR student health services. Financial aid is available to qualifying students. **Students must submit documentation from their health care provider that they are physically and emotionally able to care for others.**

Registration

Register for HO 110 (Basic Patient Care) in person, by phone, or by Web Advisor. See course schedule for dates of registration. If the class is closed (full), continue to check Web Advisor for possible openings if other students drop the course.

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