

PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

Certificate of Completion Nursing Assistant

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Nursing Assistant Certificate is designed for students interested in becoming nursing assistants in assisted living, nursing home, hospitals and home care settings. Covers the nursing assistant's role on the health care team. Develops beginning basic technical and personal care skills including, monitoring body functions, restorative and rehabilitation techniques, therapeutic communication, infection control, safety and emergency procedures. Identifies resident rights, mental health and social service needs to facilitate an optimal level of functioning for the client recognizing individual, cultural and religious diversity. Meets Federal and State legal requirements for nursing assistant education.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: South Puget Sound Community College believes that all students need to develop a broad range of abilities that will not only make them more effective in their professional pursuits but will enhance their capacity to relate well to others in their daily lives. Therefore students who complete a Certificate of Completion in Nursing Assistant will:

- Demonstrate the following skill standards:
 1. Prepares the students to take the certification exam for Nursing Assistants
 2. Prepares students to work under the direction of LPN's, RN's, or other qualified health care workers to provide basic patient care.

PROGRAM INFORMATION/CONTACTS:

Admission:

Applications for admission and financial aid are available in Building 25, Office of Enrollment Services, or call (360) 596-5241. Information is also available at the college website: www.spscc.ctc.edu. South Puget Sound Community College offers the Nursing Assistant Program several times each year.

Length of Program:

The course is 99 hours of scheduled classes and clinical experience. NURS 100 Nursing Assistant is 6 credits.

Costs:

Tuition is subject to change by the State Legislature. Detailed tuition information is available in the quarterly class schedule. Tuition and fees do not include the cost of textbooks and supplies.

Additional Costs:

Washington State Patrol Criminal Background Check \$10.00, malpractice insurance approximately \$15.00. Parking fees \$34.99, textbook \$43.00, gait belt \$12.00, worksheet packet \$13.20, and Scantron testing cards \$0.85. (Costs are subject to change each year.)

Costs related to working as a nursing assistant and obtaining State Certification are as follows. If you are currently employed by a nursing home, they may pay some of these costs for you.

1. **\$15 Nursing Assistant Registration**
2. **\$25 CPR Card (approximate)**
3. **\$107 State testing for certification**
4. **\$15 State application for Nursing Assistant Certification**

Advisors:

Director of Nursing, (360) 596-5450 or nursing@spscc.ctc.edu.

Special Program Note:

Classes and labs held at South Puget Sound Community College. Clinical experience is arranged and scheduled at various local long-term care facilities. Students are encouraged to register early as there is limited space.

All students must have a current CPR card before working with residents at the nursing home.

All students must have evidence of a current TB test (within 9 months) before working with residents at the nursing home.

All students must decide whether to have a vaccination for Hepatitis B. The vaccination is a three shot series that costs approximately \$150. Health insurance or nursing homes may pay for the vaccination. Students who choose not to have the vaccination will sign a waiver stating the same.

WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK:

Washington State Law requires a criminal history background clearance with the Washington State patrol on persons working with children or vulnerable adults. Therefore, all nursing assistant students must meet this requirement. If unable to get clearance, a student would not be able to attend clinical sessions and therefore would be unable to pass the course.

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONS:

In order to apply for state certification a person must answer the following:

1. Do you have a medical condition which limits your ability to practice your profession?
2. Do you currently use chemical substances which limit your ability to practice your profession?
3. Have you ever been diagnosed or been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, or frotteurism?
4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?
5. Have you ever been convicted or had prosecution with any crime other than minor traffic violations?
6. Have you ever been found guilty in any civil, administrative, or criminal proceeding for violation of any drug law or committed any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption?
7. Have you ever been found to have violated any state or federal law regulating the practice of a health care profession?
8. Have you ever had any license, certificate or registration to practice a health care profession suspended, revoked, restricted or denied by state, federal or foreign authority?
9. Have you ever been named in civil suit for incompetence, negligence or malpractice of a health care profession?

For each "yes" answer submit an explanation and copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders.

Certification as a Nursing Assistant:

After satisfactory completion of the training program, the student is eligible to apply for State Certification. To become certified, the student must first pass a written exam and a skills demonstration evaluation for a state examiner. The student then files application with the state, including proof of completing the program, proof of 7 hours training in HIV/AIDS (included in the program), proof of passing the state exams, and \$15 fee. Paperwork and instructions are provided in the course to help the student complete these steps.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

NURS 100 Nursing Assistant

6 credits

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