



NURSING ASSISTANT



PREREQUISITES:

Students are encouraged to complete the Introduction to Health Careers course at Portage High School with a “C” or higher grade. Students must be 17 years old and have reliable transportation. A minimum score of 13 on the Reading portion of the ACT Test is required. Students must attend the Prep Steps meeting as well as complete/pass online background check, health history information, current immunizations, two-step TB skin tests, flu shot and COVID-19 vaccination/booster shot to be enrolled in the course – the cost is paid by the student.

NA course and clinicals will be held outside of the school day.

Enrollment will be through the “Start College Now” program at Madison College.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

This 120-hour course prepares students for employment as a Nursing Assistant (“NA”):

- 50 hours of theory classroom
- 30 hours of lab experience
- 40 hours in a clinical setting

Course prepares students to care for patients under the supervision of a licensed professional nurse. In addition to using a textbook, the NA course allows students to view instructional nursing skills videos, practice-nursing skills, and complete nursing assistant skills testing. Course skills taught include: bed making, personal care and hygiene, transporting patients, taking temperature, pulse and respiration, and feeding patients. Learn to assist patients with activities of daily living, assisting patients to their highest level of functioning, and maintain resident rights and patient confidentiality. The State of Wisconsin requirements for certification will not be met if a student is absent for 8 hours for any reason.

- **11th or 12th grade students only.** One thing to remember - some local nursing homes will not hire an NA until they are 18 years old due to the regulations involving the lifts used on patients. If the NA is under the age of 18, they are required to have another NA with them when using the lifts.
- It is highly recommended that students earn a “C” or higher grade in “Intro to Health Careers” course at Portage High School.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services regulates the NA course. Successful completion requires students to have completed the full 120 course hours in the classroom, skills lab, and clinical settings. A student who is late or missing a class/clinical/lab will likely not pass the course. Students should not register for the course if they cannot commit to attending all the assigned hours.
- Score of **13** or higher on the Reading portion of the ACT Test.
- Background Check and Health History Screening are completed on the Castlebranch website (\$68* package fee paid by student). A mandatory 2-step TB skin test is part of the health history screening. The cost for the TB test is \$40 through the Columbia County Public Health Dept or may be done through your family’s physician (paid by student).
- Students must have a flu shot and COVID-19 vaccination/booster prior to enrolling in the program (paid by student).
- Students will be required to wear “scrubs” and “duty shoes” during clinicals (paid by student).

Once student is accepted into the Start College Now program, student and parent(s) must sign an agreement to reimburse the school district the full cost of the class and books (approximately \$500) if student drops or fails the course.

Students will take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam immediately after successful completion of the NA course. Student’s name will then be placed in the nursing assistant directory for the State of Wisconsin. Testing fees are approximately \$125* and are to be paid by the student.

* Fees are not controlled by Portage High School and may change at any time by Madison College or the State of Wisconsin.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____