



NURSING ASSISTANT



PREREQUISITES:

Students must have a minimum of a “C” in Introduction to Health Careers I course, minimal school absences, and teacher recommendation. Students must be 17 years old and have a valid driver’s license. 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 tests, and flu shot to be enrolled in the class – the cost is paid by the student. The NA class will be held during the school day with clinicals to be determined.

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 CNA 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 clock 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.
- Earn a “C” or higher in “Intro to Health Careers” course at Portage High School.
- In good standing with all grades, attendance, and behavior at Portage High School or PAA.
- 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 class 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 test is part of the health history screening. The cost for the TB test is \$20 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 prior to enrolling in the program (paid by student).
- Students will be required to wear “scrubs” and “duty shoes” during clinicals (paid by student).

Student and parent(s) must sign an “Agreement” to reimburse the school district the full cost of the class, books and supplies bucket (approximately \$500* total) if you drop or fail the class (see reverse side).

Students will take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam immediately after successful completion of the NA course. Student’s name will then 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: _____