

# Nursing Assistant



## Possible Careers

Nursing assistants are employed in long-term care facilities, hospitals, community-based residential facilities, and home health agencies.

## Salary Information

Average wage was \$10.59 an hour for 2007 Wisconsin Technical College Nursing Assistant graduates. Average annual salary was \$22,193.

## Technical Diploma – 3 credits

The nursing assistant is a vital member of the health care team. The nursing assistant works under the direction of the professional nurse. Responsibilities include bathing, dressing, toileting, assisting with feeding, taking vital signs, ambulating, lifting and moving clients, and performing other selected procedures.

The instructional program for the Nursing Assistant/Long Term Care diploma consists of lecture with laboratory practice and supervised clinical experience in local health care facilities. This program is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services as a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program.

The diploma is granted for successful completion of 120 hours of instruction. Options are available for additional training to work in specific types of health care facilities.

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The instructional program for the Nursing Assistant/Acute Care diploma may be taken after successful completion of the Long Term Care diploma. This is a 60-hour course of instruction in intermediate level nursing assistant skills which prepares the graduate for employment in hospital or other acute care settings.

## Climb the Academic Ladder

Many Nursing Assistant graduates continue their studies at Nicolet, applying these credits to other Health Occupation degrees such as Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing.

## Nursing Assistant Diploma Program Outcomes

- 1) Demonstrate caring and respectful communication as a nursing assistant.
- 2) Practice as a nursing assistant collaboratively.
- 3) Demonstrate accountability in the role of the nursing assistant.
- 4) Demonstrate standard safety practices and procedures as a nursing assistant.
- 5) Incorporate critical thinking in the role of the nursing assistant.
- 6) Prioritize the care of groups of clients among multiple competing demands as a nursing assistant.
- 7) Work according to state and federal regulations in the role of the nursing assistant.
- 8) Demonstrate basic nursing skills as a nursing assistant.
- 9) Demonstrate personal care skills as a nursing assistant.
- 10) Document care given and report findings in the role of the nursing assistant.

## Curriculum – Long Term Care Credits

30-543-300 Nursing Assistant . . . . . 3  
\*Hours lecture-lab per week for semester long courses.

## Curriculum – Acute Care

30-543-302 Nursing Assistant-Skilled Care. . . . . 2



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