

Nursing Assistant

Program Number: 30-543-1

Less-Than-One-Semester Programs

Nursing Program Cluster

Center of Health & Safety Education

Program offered at Madison, Fort Atkinson, Portage, Reedsburg and Watertown Campuses

For information call: (608) 246-6065 or (608) 258-2479
(800) 322-6282 ext. 6065 or 2479

About the Nursing Assistant Program

The Nursing Assistant program is a 3 credit, 120 hour program. It is offered fall, summer & spring semesters. A variety of course schedules are offered at most Madison College campuses. The Nursing Assistant Program prepares students for employment as nursing assistants. Students learn communication skills, basic nursing and personal care skills, client rights, and care of clients with dementias. A supervised clinical experience with direct client care is a major component of the course. This program is recognized by the Department of Health Services as a nurse aide training program. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible for certification testing (written & skills) for the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry. Certification is required for employment in nursing homes, hospitals, home health agencies, hospices and home for the developmentally disabled.

Unique Requirements for Admission

COMPASS Reading test scores – Students must recently have satisfactorily complete the Reading portion of the COMPASS (80 or higher) or ASSET (40 or higher) or ACT (18 or higher) testing. If you have previously achieved an Associated Degree or higher with a college-level English class with a grade of C or better OR you have satisfactory UW placement testing your Reading test will be waived.

Health History form - Applicants will be required to complete a health history form including a tuberculosis skin test and/or chest x-ray, if indicated, and a blood specimen to determine immunity from measles, mumps and chicken pox. Evidence of current immunization for diphtheria and tetanus is also required.

Caregiver Background Check – All students must have a Caregiver Background Check and a Caregiver License Check completed in order to participate in the clinical portion of this course. Some criminal convictions will prevent participation in the clinical portion of this course. Refer to Caregiver Background Check (CBC) on the Madison College Website. Contact the Nursing Assistant Program Coordinator, 258-2479, if you have concerns regarding your Criminal History.

Functional Abilities – All students are required to meet the requirements listed in the [FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES](#) and complete all skills listed on the [MASTER SKILLS CHECKLIST](#) regardless of disability, health status or religious beliefs. All students must complete the Health History form and should be reexamined at the student's expense should health status change during the course. These forms can be found at these links or by going to the program's web page.

Nursing Assistant Curriculum

The courses listed below outline the requirements for graduation for students entering this program in the 2011-2012 academic year. Requirements for graduation may vary depending on the semester in which a student is admitted to their program. Current/continuing students should consult their degree progress report available through their student center account for specific graduation requirements. Program requirements are subject to change.

First, Second or Summer Semester	Credits	Hrs/week	
		Lec-Lab	
30-543-300 Nursing Assistant*	3	10-5	
Total	3		

Notes: *This course will be offered several times during the fall, spring and summer semesters with a variety of class schedules. After you have taken the required testing, search for available classes via the catalog number listed above through your student account or the "search for classes" option on the web site.

A copy of the [Functional Abilities](#) necessary to successfully complete the program of study is available on the Nursing Assistant website.

Continuing Education

10-524-124 Restorative and Rehabilitation Therapy Aide	2	4-5
10-501-120 Diagnostic Aide	2	4-4

Program Courses

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Career Potential:

- CNA
- Nursing Assistant
- Nurse Aide
- Home Health Aide
- Psychiatric Aide

[Employment and Salary Information \(Graduate Employment Report\) PDF](#)

More detailed and updated information on this program may be available at: madisoncollege.org. The college reserves the right to make changes in the regulations and courses announced in this publication without notice.

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