



SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET

Course Number: HCP0100C

This SCC Healthcare course is a **one-semester Vocational Credit Certificate program** consisting of communication skills, basic Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers, instruction on activities of daily living for residents, taking vital signs, collecting specimens, infection control and AIDS education, Restorative Care and Employability skills.

UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE STATE OF FLORIDA CERTIFICATION NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA) EXAM.

Entry Date: Varies – check current class schedule
Offered every semester (day and/or evening)

Length of Program: 165 contact hours which include:

- Classroom lecture, activities, and skills practice in on-campus lab
- Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers
- HIV / AIDS / Hepatitis B, TB
- Employability skills
- Clinical experience at a long-term care facility

Admission Requirements: Minimum age of 17 years old
High School Diploma **not** required
Apply to SCC for admission
TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) no minimum score required
FBI background check
PPD Results

Program Supplies and Fees:

(ALL FEES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

- Tuition and Lab Fee: \$400 (in-state)
- Textbook (required): \$185
- State Certification Exam: see www.experioronline.com for current fees
- Supplies and additional costs include: TB skin test, uniform/shoes, nametag, water-resistant watch w/ second hand
- FBI background check: \$33.25

Career Opportunities: According to the U.S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics) employment of nursing aides is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations in response to increasing emphasis on rehabilitation and the long-term care needs of a rapidly growing elderly population. Financial pressure on hospitals to discharge patients as soon as possible should produce more nursing home admissions. Modern medical technology will also increase the employment of nursing aides. This technology, while saving and extending more lives, increases the need for long-term care provided by aides.



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HOME HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET

Course Number: HCP0310

This SCC Healthcare course is a **3-week supplemental course** that follows the Nursing Assistant program and prepares the Certified Nursing Assistant for employment in private residences, hospices, and home health agencies. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these additional credit hours in order to increase employment options.

Entry Date: Varies – check current class schedule
Course offered every semester

Length of Program: 50 contact hours which include:

- Classroom lecture and activities
- Skills testing in on-campus lab

Admission Requirements: Minimum age of 17 years old
Completion of Nursing Assistant program at SCC or
Proof of current Florida Nursing Assistant Certification
Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers
TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) no minimum score required
PPD results

Program Supplies and Fees:
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- Tuition and Lab Fee: \$150.00 (in-state)
- Textbook (required): Same textbook and workbook that is used in the Nursing Assistant program
- FBI background check: \$33.25

Career Opportunities: According to the U.S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics), overall employment of nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides is projected to **grow faster than the average** through the year 2010, although individual occupational growth rates vary. **Home health aides** are expected to grow the fastest, as a result of growing demand for home healthcare from an aging population and efforts to contain healthcare costs by moving patients out of hospitals and nursing facilities as quickly as possible. Consumer preference for care in the home and improvements in medical technologies for in-home treatment also will contribute to much faster than average employment growth for home health aides.



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PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT

Short-term Vocational Healthcare Certificate

What is a Patient Care Assistant?

Patient Care Assistants (PCA) receive additional training that expands the traditional role of the nursing assistant. This training includes an increase in supervised clinical hours, a component related to home health, and a component related to caring for patients in a hospital. The training prepares students to work in a healthcare facility other than a nursing home.

What is the PCA Program at SCC?

This SCC Healthcare program is a planned sequence of instruction, which offers a broad foundation of knowledge and skills expanding the traditional role of the Nursing Assistant. Emphasis will be placed on Acute, Long Term Care and Home Health Skills. **The student MUST successfully complete the Articulated Nursing Assistant and Advanced Home Health Aide courses in order to enter into the Patient Care Assistant course.**

Course Number: HCP0620C Patient Care Assistant 75 hours
(Successful completion of HCP0100C – Articulated Nursing Assistant and HCP0310 Home Health Aide is necessary to enroll in the Patient Care Assistant course)

Entry Date: Check current class schedule. ("Spectrum"). Course offered fall and spring semester only.

Description: 75 contact hours which include:

- Classroom lecture, activities, and skills practice in on-campus lab
- HIV / AIDS / Hepatitis B., TB
- Employability skills
- Clinical experience at long-term care and sub-acute facilities

Admission

Requirements:

- Minimum age of 17 years old
- Apply to SCC for admission
- Successful completion of SCC's Articulated Nursing Assistant and Advanced Home Health Aide courses
- Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers
- TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) -no minimum score required
- FBI background check
- Proof of a Negative TB Skin Test or Chest X-Ray if required

Program Cost:

(ALL FEES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

- Tuition and Lab fee \$200.00
- Textbook (required): \$185.00 (same textbook that is used in HCP0100c)
- Supplies and additional costs include: TB skin test, uniform/shoes, nametag, water-resistant watch w/ second hand
- FBI background check: \$33.25

Career

Opportunities: According to The Florida Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network (www.flahec.org), employment opportunities abound! Approximately 2,981 job openings are expected each year in Florida until 2008. Legislative changes have created even more nursing assistant positions that need to be filled. On average, nursing assistants and patient care assistants earn \$8.60/hour in Florida. In some areas of the state, patient care assistants may earn as much as \$15/hour.

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Criminal Background Check Policy

Applicants for Seminole Community College's Nursing and Health Care Professions programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify one for employment in a health care setting. This policy, required by the clinical agencies that the programs utilize for clinical experiences, complies with state and federal regulations.

Each applicant will be screened through an SCC approved criminal background check process. All fees for required background checks are the responsibility of the applicant. Judgments of guilty or pleas of Nolo Contendere to crimes listed in the Florida State Statutes 435.04, sections a – uu, and 741.28 will disqualify the applicant from admission into any of SCC's nursing program. These statutes can be viewed at <http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes/index.cfm>. Below is a non inclusive list of the offenses:

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Vehicular homicide
- Assault
- Battery
- Aggravated assault
- Aggravated battery
- Kidnapping
- False imprisonment
- Sexual battery/misconduct
- Domestic Violence
- Prohibited acts of persons in familiar or custodial authority
- Prostitution
- Lewd and lascivious behavior
- Lewdness and indecent exposure
- Arson, theft, robbery, and related crimes
- Fraudulent sale of controlled substances
- Drug offenses involving a minor
- Incest
- Abuse or neglect of a disabled adult or elderly person
- Exploitation of a disabled adult or elderly person
- Child abuse
- Aggravated child abuse
- Negligent treatment of children
- Sexual performance by a child
- Delinquency and/or dependency of a child
- Resisting arrest with violence
- Obscene literature
- Violation of drug abuse prevention and control laws (including but not limited to possession, sale, purchase, manufacture, or use of controlled substance)
- DUI

While enrolled in any of the SCC Nursing and Health Care Professions programs, the student is also responsible for notifying the program director of any arrests, regardless of adjudication, that occur after acceptance and during enrollment in the program. Failure to promptly notify the program director shall be grounds for dismissal from the program. After admission into the program, the student must remain free of the disqualifying charges listed in the above mentioned state statutes. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program.