PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

Nursing Assistant (NA-VC) Admission Packet

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**Nursing Assistant (Certificate Program)**

The Nursing Assistant Program is a 165 clock-hour program which provides technical skill proficiency, and includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, occupation-specific skills specific to patient care.

Successful completion of this program prepares the student for certification for employment as a Certified Nursing Assistant in a nursing home, in accordance with 464.203, of the Florida Statutes.

**Role of the Certified Nursing Assistant**

Certified nursing assistants work under the supervision of licensed nursing professionals. They care for patients who are infirm, ill, injured, disabled and otherwise unable to care for themselves. In many settings, CNAs are the health professionals whom patients encounter most often. A CNA performs a variety of basic duties that are important for the patient’s comfort and recovery. These tasks vary depending on the employment setting.

Certified nursing assistants may check and record a patient's vital signs daily. These include the patient's temperature, pulse, blood pressure and respiration. The CNA also measures the patient's height and weight, monitors intake and output and collects specimens to test. In addition, the nursing assistant monitors the patient's response to care and records observations.

Many of the patients in the care of nursing assistants are unable to look after their daily personal needs. Certified nursing assistants help the patients use the toilet, bathe, get dressed and eat. They may also help with hair care, skin care, dental care and shaving.

Nursing assistants turn and reposition bedridden patients according to a schedule to aid healing and comfort. When the patient must be moved, the assistants also transfer the patient between the bed and a wheelchair. If the patient is able to stand, the CNA may walk the individual to an appointment or for exercise.

**Place of Employment**

Nursing assistants work in nursing homes, assisted care centers, hospitals, hospices and patients' homes. While most nursing assistants provide care to groups of patients in nursing homes and hospitals, some nursing assistants are employed by homecare agencies and provide one-on-one care to patients in the patients' homes.

**State and National Earnings**


**Training Pathway**

The Nursing Assistant Program is a 165-clock hour program divided into classroom, lab, and clinical settings.
OCP Course Number | Course Title | Course Length | SOC Code
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A | HSC003C | Basic Healthcare Worker | 90 hours | 31-9099
B | HCP0121C | Nursing Assistant | 75 | 31-1014

*Clinical site placement is dependent upon the results criminal background check.

OCP courses A and B may be taken in sequence or concurrently.

**Beyond Graduation**

Graduates of Pensacola State College’s Nursing Assistant program may advance in their field by continuing their education in other health related areas such as nursing or other direct and indirect patient care degree programs at Pensacola State College.

**Career Outlook**

The U.S. Department of Labor expects opportunities for all medical professionals to increase significantly through 2016. While opportunities for highly trained and educated nurses will be the greatest, CNAs will have increased job opportunity because certified nurse’s assistants are integral to the operation of most medical facilities.

**Entrance Requirements**

- High school diploma or GED
- Overall GPA of 2.0
- 18 years of age or older
- Negative urine drug screen and criminal background check

**Testing Requirements**

None.

**Estimated Cost of the Program**

The Nursing Assistant program consists of 5.5 credits @ $85.80 + fees = Total $471.90 in-state.

Additional Expenses (approximate):

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Tuition rates are subject to change. Contact Registrar office for current cost.
Financial Aid

Students requiring financial assistance are directed to the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs (OFA & VA) (850)484-2349 for information on numerous grants, and scholarships available. Short-term loans are available at registration. Inquiries should be directed to the Student Affairs Office on the Warrington Campus. Students needing assistance for an education are encouraged to seek every avenue of financial aid available for that purpose. Financial counseling, as well as help with the application process, is available. Students needing financial assistance must contact the Financial Aid office as soon as the need is determined.

This publication is to provide general career and program information and is not to be construed as a contract between the student and Pensacola State College. The student is encouraged to work closely with counselors, and the department, to verify the appropriateness of courses for registration.

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**STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION**

Date when completed

__________________________ Complete and submit the Pensacola State College application ($30) for general admission.

__________________________ Complete the Florida Residency Affidavit (if applicable).

__________________________ Request high school transcripts

__________________________ Request all college transcripts

__________________________ Complete the health-related program application and submit it to the Admissions Office on the Warrington Campus.
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REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

TO: REGISTRAR

Name of High School, College or University

Address of School

City State Zip Code

Please forward an official transcript of my academic work:

College Transcript
High School Record (showing graduation date or date of withdrawal)
General Education Development Test Scores (GED)
Transient Student Form/Letter of Good Standing (for non-degree transient students)

Mail transcript to: Admissions Office
Pensacola State College
1000 College Boulevard
Pensacola, FL 32504-8998

The following information is furnished to assist you in locating my records:

Name ____________________________

Name used when attending the institution listed above

Birthdate ___________ Social Security Number __________________________

Date of Graduation __________________ Date of Last Attendance __________________

Current Address ____________________________

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