Basic Nurse Assisting Program

(NDP.NA) Certificate

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Certificate

The Basic Nursing Assistant Program is a one semester, 8 credit-hour certificate program approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Background Check

The Health Care Worker Background Check Act requires all students in a Nursing Assistant Training Program to submit to a fingerprint-based background check before working directly with patients or residents.

Examination and Certification

Students must successfully complete the Basic Nursing Assistant Program (AHE 040) with an 80% or better to be eligible to take the IDPH Competency Evaluation Examination. Upon passing the state competency examination, the student's name will be added to the IDPH Health Care Worker Registry and will be eligible to work as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Course Description

AHE 040: Basic Nursing Assistant:
BNA campus phone number: 217-234-5568,
Office located in Neal Hall 023

The Basic Nursing Assistant Program includes 95 hours of theory/classroom and 40 hours of clinical practice. This program is approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to provide instruction in basic nursing skills in theory, laboratory, and clinical settings. The theory portion of the course includes:

- Basic Anatomy
- Communication Skills
- Infection Control
- Medical Terminology
- Safety
- Patient Rights

This course contains substantial information on Alzheimer's and dementia resident/patient care and emphasizes communication and coping mechanisms fundamental to working with this patient population. The curriculum also includes proper management of resident/patient hygiene and mobility, and taking vital signs. In the nursing lab, students master the 21 patient care manual skills mandated by IDPH. The instructor will demonstrate skills; students will then practice skills until achieving mastery level in the lab with other students. Eleven of the twenty-one skills must be performed with a patient or resident during clinical sessions.

The clinical experience provides students with the opportunity to perform supervised practice of required clinical skills, including bathing, feeding, and transfer of residents/patients.

Program requirements may change over time. Specific degree/graduation requirements are determined by the students' degree audit.

FIRST YEAR

			Hours
☐	AHE 040	Basic Nurse Assisting Program	8
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**8**
		TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS	**8**

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