



# NURSE AIDE

## Nurse Aide Certification

Provide basic care and help patients with activities of daily living

This program prepares students to work as nurse aides in extended care facilities, hospitals, or home health organizations. Upon completion of this certificate program, students are eligible to take the Colorado State Board of Nursing Certification Exam. The curriculum of the Nurse Aide program includes 75 hours of class and lab time, and 20 hours of clinical experience. The Nurse Aide program will help students learn a variety of skills used in the industry, including the following:

- Transfer disabled patients or residents between the bed and chair
- Feed patients
- Record vital statistics or other health information
- Assist patients with daily activities and needs

### Prerequisites:

- Criminal background check must be completed at least two weeks prior to the first day of class (**\$24.90 for students under the age of 18, and \$34.20 for students 18 and older**) Background checks are completed through Castle Branch ([cccs.castlebranch.com](http://cccs.castlebranch.com)). If the applicant reveals information that could be relevant to the application, the designated individual responsible for background checks may request additional information from the applicant. Students who have successfully completed the terms of a deferred adjudication agreement will not be disqualified. Admittance into the CNA program may be denied based on the background check.
- TB Skin Test must be completed at least two weeks prior to the first day of class. (**\$20.00 - \$80.00**). Suggested facilities for test are as follows: Denver Public Health, Tri-County Public Health, Urgent Care Centers, Walgreens, or private physician.

### Suggested educational levels:

- English literacy (reading, writing, speaking, and listening)

### Suggested physical abilities:

- Capable of sustained activity for 5 hours at a time

### Class Hours:

- 8:00am - 2:00pm Mon.- Fri.
- Program is 8 weeks in length
- Start dates occur throughout the year, please contact pickens registration department for upcoming dates.

### Reimbursement Notification:

Pursuant to section 483.152(c) of the Federal Rules and Regulations related to Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEP), a long-term care facility that receives Medicare or Medicaid funds: Must reimburse a nurse aide who pays for a NATCEP and becomes employed by the facility within 12 months of certification, prorated for the portion of the 12 month period that the individual was employed by the facility.

### Estimated Program Costs (to be paid at Pickens payment office)

#### Tuition and Credit Hour Fees:

Semester 1: \$720.00

#### Required On Campus Costs:

Program Charges: \$250.00 (each semester)

Student ID: \$10.00 (each year)

Clinical Charges: \$300.00 (each year)

Books: \$74.52 (+ tax)

#### Estimated Total:

Nurse Aide Certificate: \$1,354.52 (+tax)

### Additional Relevant Costs (estimated)

#### Required Off Campus Costs:

Navy Blue Scrubs: \$35.00 - \$75.00

TABE Assessment: \$6.00 (must be pre-paid for a spot to be reserved in a testing session)

Flu Shot: \$14.00 - \$35.00

Watch with a sec. hand: \$20.00-\$30.00

State Board Certification Exam: \$123.00

#### Optional Costs:

Hepatitis B Vaccine: \$195.00 (series of 3 shots, received through personal physician)

### Certificate Courses

#### NUA 1001 Nurse Aide Health Care Skills

Prepares the student to perform the fundamental skills of the nurse aide. Basic nursing skills, communication skills, restorative services, personal care skills, safety and emergency care issues are covered. Includes knowledge and/or principles of asepsis, OSHA and HIPAA regulations. Ethical behaviors, cultural sensitivity and principles of mental health will be addressed, as well as patient/resident rights.

#### NUA 1070 Nurse Aide Clinical Experience

Applies knowledge and skill gained in NUA 101 to patient care.

Additional costs may apply. All books, kits & supply costs are estimated. Cost, information, and classes are subject to change. Statistics present are based on the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. This certificate is NOT eligible for Financial Aid. If you have further questions, please call (303)344-4910.

### NURSE AIDE CERTIFICATE

Certificate Total: Clock Hours: 105 Credit Hours: 5

Certificate Length: 1 semester

Credits:  
5

Length:  
8 Weeks

Cost:  
\$1,354



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