



Patient Care Assistant Certificate

2018–2019

DESCRIPTION:

The Patient Care Assistant Certificate course is designed to instruct students in the knowledge and skills needed to provide nursing care for patients in an acute care setting and/or a skilled rehabilitation unit. The course is an expansion of the curriculum content and skills that are within the state approved Nurse Aide Training Program. The curriculum includes information related to communication, infection control, and safety practices within the acute care setting and/or the skilled care unit. Students learn additional skills related to the measurements of vital signs, nutrition/intake, and elimination/output. Basic skin and wound care, specimen collection, telemetry, and oxygen delivery are taught. In addition, the expanded role of the patient care assistant includes the care of: patients following surgery, patients receiving rehabilitation and restorative services, obstetrical patients and neonates, and the pediatric patient. For more information, see csc.edu/nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Students must place into ENGL 1100, DEV 0114, “No Reading Required”, or have a college transcript with prior ENGL coursework. Students must complete NURC 1001 with a grade of “C” or higher. Clinical agencies have set requirements for patient safety. Students enrolling in programs with a clinical component will be informed of the specific requirements for health, fingerprinting, and/or drug screening prior to enrollment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES:

Career:

Many area health care employers are interested in students who have successfully completed this certificate program.

Transfer:

A Nursing Certificate program may fulfill one of the certificate requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Multi-Competency Health.

**CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE):
FIRST SEMESTER**

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
NURC 1003 Patient Care Assistant: Acute Care Focus	AU/SP/SU	3	
Total Semester hour/Credits		3	

*AU: Autumn Semester/SP: Spring Semester/SU: Summer Semester
Requirements subject to change.*