

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE

An 88-contact-hour course approved by the Nurse Aide Registry and Training Program of the Texas Department of Health designed to provide entry-level employment and can be the foundation for a career in health care. The focus is to prepare nursing assistants to achieve a level of knowledge, skills and abilities essential to provide basic care to residents of long-term and/or acute care facilities. Topics include resident's rights, communication, safety, observation, reporting and assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and safety. Emphasis is on effective interaction with members of the health care team. Successful completion of course objectives qualifies the student to apply to take the National Registry Examination.

PROGRAM/COURSE GOALS

Upon completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Provide basic care to residents in long-term care facilities.
- Assist residents in maintaining maximum functional independence.
- Support and promote the rights of residents.
- Provide safety and preventive measures in the care of residents.
- Demonstrate skill in observing and reporting.
- Function effectively as a member of a Health Care Team.
- Communicate effectively with residents and their families regarding the psychosocial needs of the resident.



CURRICULUM PLAN

Must register for and complete both sections to qualify to take National Registry Examination.

- **NURA 1001:** 56-contact hours of classroom and laboratory practice and demonstration. Classes meet Saturdays, 8-5pm, every day but Sunday as a “fast tract” or weekdays evenings, at one of the following locations.
 - Eastview Campus, (EVC), 3401 Webberville Rd. Austin, TX 78702.
 - Wesleyan Nursing Home, (GWN), 2001 Scenic Dr., Georgetown, 78628
- **NURA 1060:** 32-contact hours of resident care in a long-term-care facility (to be arranged by the instructor) with the last eight hours set aside for the National Registry Competency Examination which includes performance of 5 out of 34 possible skills on a resident in the long term care facility *and* a 60 question written examination. Clinical Affiliations include:
 - Govalle Care Center (formerly Redstone) (GCC), 3101Govalle Ave., Austin 78702
 - Stonebridge Health Center, Inc. (SHC), 11127 Circle Drive, Austin 78736
 - Buckner Villas Retirement (BVR), 11110 Tom Adams Drive, Austin 7875

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Prerequisite courses: none
- No high school diploma or CPR required!
- Must be free of communicable diseases and in suitable physical and emotional health to safely care for patients. For information on required immunizations, contact (512) 223-7271.
- Respect confidential nature of medical information.
- Reasonable level of manual dexterity and visual acuity.
- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must be able to read, write, speak, and understand English.
- Free of previous felony convictions. Must show documentation at time of registration.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Nurse Aide Assistant students will be working in a Long Term Care Facility assisting in the treatment of residents during the course, NURA 1060, Nurse Aide Clinical. All ACC students who assist in the treatment of patients must meet “Community Standards” concerning state vaccinations requirements. The required vaccinations are listed below. **Vaccinations can take up to 6 months to complete, so students are urged to plan accordingly.**

All applicants must provide a copy of written documentation FROM A PHYSICIAN for:

- Proof of Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity as shown by (a) physician documented history of the disease **or** (b) documentation of two immunizations **or** (c) a serum titer confirming immunity.

AND

- Proof of (a) a complete (3 injection series) Hepatitis B Vaccination **or** (b) a serum titer confirming immunity.

AND

- Proof of (a) one (1) Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccination (MMR) **or** (b) a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease **or** (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.

AND

- Proof of (a) a second Measles Vaccination (may be a part of a second MMR) **or** (b) a serum titer confirming immunity **or** (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.

AND

- Proof of TB test (PPd skin test or chest x-ray) with a negative reading. (*Test may not be more than 180 days old on the first day of practicum.*)

AND

- Proof of Tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.

CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK

All ACC students who assist in the treatment of patients must meet “Community Standards” concerning criminal background screening. For additional information visit <http://www.austincc.edu/ce>, (512) 223-7542, or contact a Program Coordinator at 223-7271 for assistance.

TUITION/FEES

Tuition and fees may vary. See the current ACC schedule at www.austincc.edu/ce/hpi. Financial aid (512) 223-7547. There is a separate application and testing fee of \$76.00 for the English written version of the exam. Requires a money order made out to Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation Service, (N.A.C.E.S.) the testing agency for the State of Texas. Successful completion of skills and written tests places the student on the National Registry. Additional information regarding oral or Spanish language testing may be obtained from instructor upon request.

BOOKS & SUPPLIES

Nursing Assistant's Handbook, and Nursing Assistant's Workbook, Hartman Publishing Inc. A Spanish version is available, *Guía de Técnicas Para*. Books may be purchased at the Bookstore at Eastview Campus, Bldg. 2000, (512) 927-1619; or Northridge Campus, (512) 834-9366, Bldg. 4000. Physical address is Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc., 817 W. 12th St. Austin, TX 78701. E-mail-bksaustincc@bncollege.com and website-<http://austincc.bkstore.com>. For agencies wishing to purchase multiple copies or to use a purchase order, contact Campus Supervisor at 476-1921. Students are required to have a uniform or scrub suit, comfortable professional nursing shoes, a watch with a second hand, gait belt, blood pressure cuff and a stethoscope prior to attending the clinical facility. Supplies may be purchased at the ACC Bookstore or at any durable medical supply store. A name tag is provided by the college.

FINANCIAL AID

For Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) Financial Aid inquiries, call (512) 223-7547 or www.austincc.edu/finaid. Forms may be obtained from www.fafsa.ed.gov.

ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTS

Students requiring special accommodations during class/clinical time for disabilities are required to self-disclose to the Office for Students with Disabilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate you. <http://www2.austincc.edu/osd/index.html>.

REGISTRATION

The course numbers for this course are NURA 1001 & NURA 1060. Must have a completed and approved application prior to registering!

Pre-registration is required. You may register in person (cash, check, credit card), by phone (credit card only), or by mail (check, credit card). Payment is due at the time of registration. To register in person, visit: ACC Highland Business Center - 5930 Middle Fiskville Road – Continuing Education - 4th floor. (Building located between Highland Mall and the Greyhound Bus Station, at Hwy 290 and I-H 35).

To register by phone: (512) 407-3087. To register by mail, complete the registration form found on the last page of the current course schedule or as printed from the web site and mail to: Austin Community College, Continuing Education - 5930 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752-4390.

NOTE: You may confirm your registration by calling (512) 223-7542. Refund of tuition can only be made if ACC cancels the course, or if you request a refund by calling the registration number above 24 hours prior to the start of the course.

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