(E93) Certificate

This curriculum meets the mandates of the Illinois Department of Public Health to be eligible to take the competency exam for nurse aide and home health aide. The curriculum is conducted over an eight or sixteen week period and consists of classroom and clinical learning activities. The program prepares a student to assist with the care of the sick and the infirm under the supervision of registered nurses or other licensed professionals.

Work and Employment

Nursing assistants work directly with the patient giving physical care and emotional support. The nursing assistant helps patients with personal hygiene, nutrition, elimination and mobility. Nursing assistants work for nursing homes, hospitals, temporary help agencies and home care agencies. Advancement in the health care field for nursing assistants is possible with further education.

Special Considerations

In order to become a certified nursing assistant, one must complete a state-approved program like the one at SVCC and pass the Nurse Assistant Competency Evaluation.

Admission Requirements

1. Candidate must be at least 15 years of age.
2. Candidates who do not have a high school diploma or GED must be able to read at grade level 8 or have permission of instructor.
3. On admission to the program, the student will need to meet health and immunization requirements. These requirements are detailed at the first class session.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College
Health Career Education Advisor, 815/835-6354;
Janet Lynch, Dean of Health Professions, 815/835-6374.

Major Field Requirements

- NRS 101 - Basic Nursing Assistant 4 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 103 - Advanced Nursing Assistant 4 Semester hour(s)

Program Requirements

Criminal background checks are required before enrollment in clinical courses. "C" grade is required in major field requirements.
CNA certification is a requirement for admission to the ADN and LPN programs.

Total Hours Required for Certificate: 8

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