Nursing Assistant: NUNA 1400 - 3 credits
Program Area: Health (Fall 2024)

Program Description

The nursing assistant course is designed to prepare students for basic entry level employment in a long-term-care facility, hospital, and other medical settings. This course introduces concepts of basic human needs, health/illness continuum, and basic nursing skills. It is designed to prepare students for the entry level as a nursing assistant.

This course includes a mandatory 60 hours of class/lab portion, and 16 hours of supervised practical training portion in a facility, to total 76 mandatory hours. The student needs to be 16 years of age or older to take this class. This course serves as an introduction to the nursing sequence for students who choose to advance in nursing and other medical professions. Upon successful completion of this course, the student may take the Minnesota State Nursing Assistant Test Out (NATO). Passing of NATO is required to be on the Minnesota State Registry. Please note, this course meets Minnesota's requirements. Please check with the Nurse Aide Registry of other states to see if the course meets the state requirements for that state.

Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
None			

Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
NUNA 1400	Nursing Assistant	3	
Total credits		**3**	

Program Outcomes

- Describe health care workers' roles and responsibilities within a health care organization.
- Describe basic human needs and how to assist someone meet those needs.
- Describe appropriate communication techniques with residents/clients and staff, including reporting and recording methods.
- Describe and demonstrate infection control principles/asepsis in the healthcare setting.
- Demonstrate good body mechanics.
- Demonstrate the appropriate steps of the skills listed by the MN Nursing Assistant Competency Evaluation Program.
- Describe Resident and Client Bill of Rights.
- Demonstrate organizing time schedule in a facility and/or home environment.
- Describe basic body systems.
- Demonstrate accountability, civility and responsibility for own professional behavior and development.
- Identify emergency situations and implementation of appropriate procedures.

NOTE: Students must show proof of a negative tuberculosis (TB) screening within 90 days prior to the clinical rotation, a lifting requirement, state background check, and be at least 16 years of age or older. Per Minnesota Department of Health standards, this Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation program (NATCEP) is taught in English and exams are in English.

Program Articulations

The Nursing Assistant Program at Lake Superior College is accredited through the Minnesota Department of Health, Nursing Assistant Registry PO Box 64501, St. Paul, MN, (800) 397-6124 or (651) 215-8705.

For more information about the Nursing Assistant Program see the program website (https://degrees.lsc.edu/nursing-assistant/) or contact the professional advising team (advising@lsc.edu) at 218-733-7601.