

WITHLACOOCHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
2022-2023 Syllabus
Nursing Assistant (Articulated)
165 Hours

Instructor Name

TBA

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Program Description

This program provides instruction utilizing a holistic approach to provide basic care to people in a variety of health care settings. Students will understand how health care systems operate and will learn the skills necessary to function safely and efficiently in a health care setting. This program provides instruction both in the classroom and clinical setting. Clinical instruction is provided at long term care/rehab facilities and assisted living facilities. Instruction includes topics related to the Nursing Assistant (NA) scope of practice, basic patient care needs, infection control, basic medical terminology, nutrition, comfort, safety measures, first aid, CPR, vital signs, basic anatomy/physiology, record keeping, communication skills, interpersonal relationships, and employability skills. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the **Florida Department of Health Certified Nursing Assistant examination**.

Typical Employment Requirements

Typical employment requirements for Certified Nursing Assistants include, but are not limited to drug test, level 2 background check, stand for long periods of time, lift up to 50 pounds, physical exam and up to date immunizations.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Understand the roles and responsibilities of a nursing assistant working in various health care settings.
2. Perform basic and personal care skills according to the individual needs of the patients, residents, and clients in the health care setting.
3. Develop a basic understanding of body structure and function so that abnormal changes can be easily observed and reported.

Textbooks

Refer to PCA Required List/Program Cost Information sheet.

Physical Requirements

Students must be physically capable of performing nursing assistant duties such as bending, lifting, and carrying as determined by a physician. Students learn and practice hands on patient care in both simulated and clinical settings that closely replicates industry scenarios. All students progress through the program at the pace and timeframes.

Dress Code

The dress code for this program is scrubs. See the Program Cost Information sheet for specific information.

Discipline

Personal cell phone use is prohibited in class. If there are any extenuating circumstances, please speak with instructor. See the Student Handbook regarding other aspects of discipline.

Background Checks

Be aware that working as a nurse aide, you will be subject to up to a Level II background check. If you have situations in your personal history that could be questioned or eliminate your eligibility to work in the field, please discuss these matters with the instructor.

How You Are Evaluated

Focus grade book percentages will be reviewed in class.

Attendance: Full time 7:30 am to 12:30 pm - Approximately 7 weeks. Further information regarding attendance and its importance will be discussed during orientation and in WTC Student Handbook.

Part time 1pm to 3pm – Approximately 17 weeks. Further information regarding attendance and its importance will be discussed during orientation and in WTC Student Handbook.

Competency/Performance Evaluation: Lab and Clinical Skills (**Attendance on All Clinical Days is Mandatory**)

Classroom: Assignments, tests, quizzes. Students must have a 70% average in all areas to participate in any clinical experience.

Employability Skills/ Work Ethic: Attitude, approach to employment and teamwork, safety, professional appearance (observes dress code).

Grades

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
Below 60	F

Safety

Safety is an important aspect of patient care and will be incorporated during class, lab, and clinical times. Use of proper body mechanics, safe operation of healthcare equipment and utilization of personal protective equipment is reinforced throughout the program.

Housekeeping Tasks

Classroom/lab housekeeping tasks will be assigned weekly.

Progress

See the below Occupational Completion Points. The NA program is a lock step program and all students progress through at the same pace.

Florida Department of Education Occupational Completion Points

OCP	Standards	Course Title	Length	
A	01.0-11.9	Basic Healthcare Worker	90 hours	Approximately 3.5 weeks full time 9 weeks part time
B	12.0-22.03	Nurse Aide and Orderly (Articulated)	75 hours	Approximately 3 weeks full time 7.5 weeks part time

State Curriculum Frameworks

Detailed information about the program's standards can be found at the Florida Department of Education website. The link below will access the curriculum frameworks for this program:

[Nursing Assistant Curriculum Frameworks 2022-2023](#)

Remote Learning

This program is taught face-to-face on campus, however, there may be times when remote learning is necessary. During such times, students need access to an internet connection and sufficient technology in order to access the program's online learning modules.

Recommended Websites/Resources

[Florida Nurse Aide Exam information](#)

[Required PCA skills for Prometric State Exam on YouTube](#)