Job Description
The nursing assistant is an important part of the nursing care team. A nursing assistant is a person who, under the direction of a licensed nurse, performs basic nursing and restorative services for patients and clients which involve:

- Safety
- Comfort
- Personal Hygiene
- Basic Mental Health
- Protection of Patient Safety
- Observation and Reporting

Career Opportunities
Nursing assistants generally are employed by:
- Long-term Care Facilities
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospitals

Course Description
This is a nursing assistant preparation class. Students are required to take 180 hours of class over one semester which includes: lectures, lab, and clinical work.

A usual semester will require one 3-hr lecture, one 3-hr lab and one 7-hr clinical per week. The lecture is also offered online. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be awarded a Skills Certificate and will then be eligible to apply for state certification by examination.

Personal Profile
- Age 16 or older
- Good moral character
- Good physical health
- Read and write English at an 8th grade level

Potential Disease Transmission
Students entering the Nursing Assistant course are informed that certain risks are involved in health care. These risks include, but are not limited to exposure and contact with infectious/communicable diseases such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV. Though tasks performed by a Certified Nursing Assistant are generally low risk for contracting infectious diseases, working around blood and other body fluids always holds some potential for infection. All healthcare professionals should be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Though not mandated for Nursing Assistant students considering enrolling or currently enrolled in the Nursing Assistant course are highly encouraged to begin the Hepatitis B vaccination series as soon as possible. The Hepatitis B vaccine is a series of three doses given according to a specified schedule over six (6) months time. The Southern Nevada Health district (759-1000) can provide this vaccine for a fee.

Vaccines are not available for Hepatitis C or HIV. Students are expected to follow infection control protocol according to program and curricular guidelines.

Approximate Salary in Nevada
Median Hourly Wage.................. $14.83
Hourly Wage Range.................$10.80 - $20.69

Source: Nevada 2012 OES Wage Data
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