

# NURSING ASSISTANT

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## 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:

- Hospitals
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Hospice Care
- Home Health Agencies
- Other Health Care Institutions

## 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.

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

## Approximate Costs

(Costs are subject to change)

Tuition 6 credits x \$123.75 per credit hr .....	\$742.50
Student Union & Athletics/Rec Fees .....	\$66.00
Technology Fee .....	\$63.00
Lab Fee .....	20.00
Books & Resources.....	\$150.00
Uniforms & Equipment .....	\$100.00
Physical.....	\$75.00
BLS AHA CPR Certification.....	\$60.00
Tuberculosis Screening.....	\$60.00
Immunizations .....	\$0 - \$600.00
(Only applies if immunizations are not up to date)	
Medical Insurance.....	\$20 - \$190/month
(Only applies if not presently insured)	
Complio .....	\$86.00
(Includes Background Check, Urine Drug & Alcohol Screening, and Health Record Inspection Warehousing)	

NV State Board of Nursing Application for Certification .....	\$50.00
Fingerprint Background Check.....	\$60.00
Manual Skills Competency Exam.....	\$90.00
Knowledge Exam.....	\$50.00
College Application Fee .....	\$20.00
One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.	
Approximate Total .....	\$1694.50

Non-resident Fee.....\$136.25 per credit  
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

## Approximate Salary in Nevada

Median Hourly Wage.....	\$20.29
Hourly Wage Range.....	\$16.93 - \$29.27

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2023  
<https://www.bls.gov>

