CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT AND HOME HEALTH AIDE COURSES AT SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE INFORMATION

NURS 103 – This is the primary course for the professional Certified Nursing Assistant. The focus is on caring for the elderly with compassion. Students are taught principles of infection control, communication techniques, and the skills to safely care for people. These skills include bathing, dressing, assisting to eat, grooming, toileting, lifting and moving while using proper body mechanics.

During the spring and fall semesters, the class meets during the first 10 weeks.

Students attend classes, practice skills in the Health Sciences Building (800) and Clinical Simulation Lab (Room 807), and participate in eight weeks of clinical experience in 2 or 3 different skilled nursing facilities in the Solano area.

Theory: Thursdays

Clinical: Tuesday/Wednesdays or Fridays/Saturdays

Classes are held from 8 am to 12 pm (or 2 pm during 1st two weeks.)
Lab is held from 12 pm – 3 pm on Thursdays only.
Clinical sessions are held from 6:50 am to 2 pm

The summer session starts JUNE 6, 2016. Please consult the Health Sciences office or the Solano College Online Schedule for further information.
Students must successfully pass both the theory and clinical portions of the course with a minimum grade of C to qualify to take the CNA State Certification Exam. Passing the CA state certification exam qualifies one to receive the CNA certification.

(Prior convictions may interfere with the certification being issued, even if the student successfully passes the class and the exam.)

Students must pass NURS 103 to be able to continue into NURS 104, Home Health Aide; and NURS 105, Acute Care.

**NURS 104 – HOME HEALTH AIDE**

The Home Health Aide (HHA) course is offered during the final 3.5 weeks of the fall and spring semesters. This class prepares students to give care in the home. It focuses on the role of the HHA in performing personal care in the home environment. It includes the health and social needs of the client, providing for infection control and safety, planning to meet nutritional needs, food shopping, preparation and storage, and home cleaning tasks.

Completion of the course provides the student with a California Home Health Aide Certification.

This is a separate class. Anyone who has a current CNA license may take this course, but you must submit an application and complete the requirements. If you took a CNA course somewhere other than SCC, you must also complete the Prerequisite Verification Form A petition.
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Students currently enrolled in the CNA semester must show proof of having passed the CA State Certification Exam to participate in NURS 104.

NURS 105 – ACUTE CARE (hospital-based)

The Acute Care class immediately follows NURS 103 for the next 2.5 weeks. It builds on the basic skills learned during NURS 103, applying them to the acute care hospital setting. The class studies body structure and function, and disease process in more depth. Students gain experience with more advanced equipment and the faster pace of caring for short-term, acutely ill patients. Acute care offers another important employment option for the CNA.

Students enrolling in this class must have passed NURS 103 and the State CNA Certification Exam.

It is recommended that students enroll in all 3 courses to receive a well-rounded CNA education: NURS 103, 104, 105
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NURS 103 6.5 units Certified Nursing Assistant – basic course
NURS 105 2.5 units Acute Care Skills and Practice
NURS 104 2.5 units Home Health Aide

EXPENSES
The expenses below will be paid for through a generous donation from the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation:

- Drug screening fees
- Certification exam fee
- Live Scan / Background check fee
- One uniform and basic equipment
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Students will need to pay for the following:

- Physical examination
- Immunizations, if needed (measles, mumps, rubella, Hepatitis B, polio, tetanus)
- TB (tuberculosis) testing
- CPR class
- White shoes (for uniform)
- Watch with a second-hand

The costs above may total up to $300.00

Students may choose to pay for additional SCC-based fees, which are OPTIONAL:

**All fees are subject to change – see college catalog or online for current fees.**

CRIMINAL SCREENING PROCEDURE

A professional nursing assistant must be a trustworthy, law-abiding individual. For this reason, Live Scan (fingerprinting) is required. The student must respond to the following question and act accordingly:

Have you ever been convicted by any court of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?
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If you answered “Yes” to the above question, you must write a letter to the CA Department of Public Health. Include the information that is listed below and send it to the address provided.

If you have a prior conviction, you may enroll in and take the CNA / HHA courses, but clearance for receiving the certification is up to the California Licensing and Certification Department, and it depends on the nature and severity of the infraction.

This process is the student’s responsibility and needs to be done either prior to starting the course, or soon after the class has started.

To comply with this requirement, write a letter that contains:

1. Date
2. Statement:
   “This letter is being submitted for state approval to receive certification upon completion of the Certified Nursing Assistant training course.”
3. Include in the letter:
   Dates and nature of the incident(s)
   Disposition of the case (provide court papers)
   Your current status
   Letters from Probation Officer (if applicable)
   Letters of Recommendation (non-family; three letters)
4. Send to: California Department of Public Health
   Licensing and Certification Division
   1615 Capital Ave, ATCS-MS 3301
   PO Box 997416
   Sacramento, CA 95899-7416

For further information or questions, please contact:

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