

Specialty Credential in Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this credential program, students will be able to pass a certification exam and provide basic health care to long-term care for patients under the direction of a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Registered Nurse (RN). Skills gained in the program include giving baths, making beds, dressing the patient, helping the patient to walk, measuring vital signs and feeding the patient.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

This credential will help students become employed as CNAs in extended care facilities (nursing homes) or home health care agencies. The credential meets the requirements of the Michigan Department of Public Health and leads to registry in the state of Michigan.

To Learn More About This Program

Contact the Office of First Year Experience at 269-782-1499.

Credential Requirements

To earn this credential, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below, and complete a minimum of 4 credit hours.

Credential Course

Course ID	Course	Credits
HEED 120	Nurses Assistant	4 credits

PREREQUISITES:

- Students are required to successfully complete the Accuplacer exam prior to registering for the course.
- No course prerequisites are required, but previous knowledge of medical terminology is helpful.
- This position requires students to be on their feet for most of the shift. Students should be able to lift more than 20 lbs.
- Students will be required to undergo a criminal background check and drug screening. Students concerned with possible findings on their background check should talk to the Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences before registering for the class.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- One 84-hour course is required for this certificate. Students must successfully complete both the theory and lab portions to be eligible for completion and employment.
- Students are expected to demonstrate proof of required immunizations. See program advisor for specifics.
- Students missing more than four hours of class will be asked to withdraw.

REGISTRY:

- Students must complete the mandatory skill and theory testing at the completion of the course to become eligible for the registry. The state-approved skill and theory testing is held on the Dowagiac campus.
- Students must be registered with the state of Michigan within three months of their original employment to stay employed.
- Once registered, it is the student's responsibility to maintain this status.