



Nurse Aide
Certificate: NIACC

Regional Health Programs

Credit
3 semester hours

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Program Description

The Nurse Aide course prepares individuals to work in long term care facilities (LTC) and hospitals. Emphasis in the course is on students achieving a basic level of knowledge and demonstrating skills to provide safe, effective resident care. The course has been developed in six units of study. The theory portion of the course includes 30 hours of classroom time and 15 hours of laboratory practice. The clinical experience includes 30 hours in a nursing facility. Nurse Aide classes are offered monthly in the NIACC area.

Curriculum

HSC-171 Nurse Aide Theory
HSC-174 Nurse Aide Clinical

Program Fees

Tuition & Fees	\$348.75
Books	\$ varies
Other fees	\$372.00
Total	\$ 720.75

Admission Requirements

1. Must be 16 years or older.
 2. High school diploma or GED.
 3. Strength and endurance to meet the requirements in performing skills such as lifting and moving residents.
 4. Physical exam by a physician or a physician extender. This must be completed prior to the clinical portion of the course.
 5. Current immunization records are required prior to beginning clinical. The immunization requirements include Rubella titer, TB test, hepatitis B vaccine, or signing a waiver for the hepatitis vaccine.
- **Note: Criminal and adult abuse checks will be required and the cost will be included in tuition costs.

Career Potential

Upon completion of the Nurse Aide course, a state written test and a skills demonstration test must be completed with a score of 70 percent or better. Passing these tests is required in order to be placed on the Department of Inspections and Appeals Nurse Aide Registry. Placement on the Iowa Nurse Aide Registry is necessary to be employed as a nurse aide in long term care in Iowa; this includes nursing facilities and skilled nursing units in hospitals.