

## Certification Requirements and Additional Costs: Nursing Assistant Program

### I. Certification Requirements

Following graduation from the Nursing Assistant program, certification is required to work in the State of Arizona. Graduates must pass the Arizona State Nursing Assistant Exam and State Board of Nursing Background check, show proof of citizenship/nationality/qualified alien status, and be 18 years of age in order to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). ***Students should be prepared to take the examination immediately upon graduation. The State Board Exam fee is \$118.***

As a convenience for our graduates, PMI provides the facilities for testing at the Mesa Campus, administered by D&S Technologies. There are 12 testing slots available on each testing date: 6 morning and 6 afternoon. The student should plan to take the examination on the test date immediately following completion of the program. Delays to the examination can result in lower passing rates and a delay in employment.

### II. Additional Costs/Requirements Not Covered by Tuition

#### A. Testing, Certification and Clearance Fees:

1. AZ DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card. The cost for the application is **\$67.00** plus **\$10.00** per fingerprint set. A specific AZ Board of Nursing application must be used.
2. CPR/BLS including First Aid Certification at a cost of **\$15.00. (if taken at PMI)**
3. Post-graduate testing and certification fees of approximately **\$118.00.**
4. Background Check via American Databank of starting at **\$24.00**

#### B. School Supplies:

1. Shoes: Clean, non-porous and presentable athletic or equivalent health care profession shoes must be worn. Flip flops, sandals or open toe/heel shoes are not acceptable.
2. Standard School Supplies - pens/pencils, paper, folders, highlighters, etc.

#### C. Medical Requirement: Pre-clinical

*Documentation of MMR immunity and negative TB test must be provided in the first week of class.*

1. Proof of active immunity MMR (Mumps, Measles and Rubella) - If the applicant does not have a record of immunization he/she will either need a titer (blood test showing immunity) or need to be re-immunized. If the student is pregnant and does not have a record of immunization, the MMR injection is not recommended due to risk of birth defect/miscarriage. Students born before 1957 are exempt from the MMR requirement as they are presumed immune.
2. Proof of negative TB test - if the applicant has a history of a positive on the skin test, he/she must provide documentation of a chest x-ray.
3. Clinical externship sites may also require additional vaccinations such as: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B Varicella (chicken pox) and Tetanus/Tdap.
4. Proof of current Influenza vaccination (Seasonal) or option to wear mask at clinicals.

All costs are subject to change and are based on the most recent data available from the respective testing/licensing agencies. There may be additional requirements to practice in certain facilities or other States. It is the responsibility of the applicant/student to investigate these prior to enrollment.