

I. Certification Requirements

Following graduation from the Nursing Assistant program, certification is required to work in the State of Arizona as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Graduates must pass the Arizona State Nursing Assistant Exam, must complete the application form, and show proof of citizenship/nationality/qualified alien status in order to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Please refer to the AZBON website; www.azbn.gov for more information on the process to obtain CNA registry.

A student will need to present proof of identity at the testing site by providing a current Driver's License or Passport; name must be the student's legal name. **Students should be prepared to take the examination immediately upon graduation. The State Board Exam fee is \$118.**

If a student wishes to be a Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) a student must meet the CNA educational and exam requirements, and in addition must complete the application form that can be found on the AZBON website; submit fingerprints and fees to the BON. If the fingerprint check results show a positive criminal history, an investigation will be started by the BON and licensure will not be given until the investigation is done. The student will have the option to complete the fingerprinting application on campus. Please reference section "Cost Estimate for the Nursing Assistant Program" for additional information on licensure costs. All CNAs/ LNAs are required to renew their application to the State Board every two years.

Students must obtain a fingerprint card to be eligible to complete the application for the Arizona State Board of Nursing in order to become a Licensed Nursing Assistant.

A felony record may prevent students from obtaining nursing assistant certification or a license. Refer to the [Felony Bar](#) written by the AZ BON for specific guidelines regarding felony convictions. The Felony Bar, as outlined by the BON will be discussed on the first day of class, and students will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

As a convenience for our graduates, PMI provides facilities for testing at the Mesa & East Valley Campuses, administered by D&S Technologies. There are a limited number of testing slots available for each scheduled testing day. 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. Cost Estimate for the Nurse Assisting Program (Details provided on p.2)

Covered by Tuition*

Registration Fee/Course Fee	\$150
Program Tuition Costs	\$1,251
Textbooks, stethoscope, BP cuff, gait belt	\$151
Uniform, binder, and backpack**	\$70
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$1,622

Not Covered by Tuition*

DPS Level 1 Clearance Card (includes fingerprint processing)	\$73.50
Shoes, watch, additional supplies **	\$100
Complio Urine Drug Screen	\$37.50
Medical Requirement × <i>Cost will vary</i>	\$500
My Clinical Exchange Compliance Program	\$20
Certification Exam	\$118
Application to Board for LNA (\$50)/cost for processing fingerprints (\$50)-optional \$100	
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$949.00</u>

Total Estimate Cost of Nursing Assistant Program **\$2,571.00***

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

**Uniform: The cost of two (2) pair of scrubs is included with tuition; additional pairs can be purchased at the student's own expense.

III. ^Medical Requirement: Pre-clinical

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

1. Proof of active immunity MMR series (Mumps, Measles and Rubella) – Two doses; doses no less than 28 days apart. 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 active immunity Varicella series- Two doses; doses no less than 28 days apart. 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.
3. Proof of negative TB test (a 2 Step PPD or 2 PPD test within 12 months), or annual Quantiferon TB-Gold Test or a negative chest x-ray bi-annually if positive TB test (within last 2 years). If the applicant has a history of a positive on the skin test then he/she must provide documentation of a chest x-ray. Proof of negative TB test needs to be within the past 11 months prior to starting clinical.
4. Hepatitis B (3 doses) series, titer, or declination.
5. Proof of current Influenza vaccination (Seasonal) or option to wear mask at clinical. *Note the option to wear a mask will be at the discretion of the clinical site.*
6. ^CPR/BLS. Students will have an opportunity to take a CPR course through the Institution. If this option is taken, this course must be completed prior to clinical externship. If a student has already received CPR/BLS certification it must be valid through clinical externship. CPR/BLS certification must be through AHA.

All medical requirements^, DPS Level 1 Clearance Card, and Urine Drug Screen must be completed satisfactorily prior to enrollment into the NA program.

IV. Additional Clinical Requirements

1. Students must meet the prescribed requirements of each clinical site attending or potentially attending. These site specific requirements may include, but are not limited to: criminal background check(s); pre-clinical and/or "for cause" drug, alcohol, marijuana and/or tobacco test screening; regulatory and safety learning modules; and infectious disease test screenings; and additional immunizations (i.e. Tdap). Any or all of these additional site specific requirements may cause the student to incur additional costs.
2. Clinical providing externship may have a minimum age requirement. There is no guarantee that a student who is under the age of 18 at the time of the start of clinical/extern will be placed.
3. Please note that time spent at the clinical site may fluctuate based on clinical hour requirements (per the AzBON) and the clinical facility; please plan accordingly to ensure all requirements of the program are able to be met.
4. Students must be able to satisfactorily perform state required and common clinical procedural skills to progress in the program (*See AZ Lab Skills Reference Sheet; separate attachment*).

*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.