

Nursing Assistant / Nurse Aide

Nursing assistants / nurse aides maintain patient hygiene and support doctors and nurses in diagnostic procedures and technical treatments. Some even provide direct patient care in long-term care facilities, hospitals, clinics and in the home.

Additionally, as a nursing assistant / nurse aide, you will assist in patient charting and instruction, documenting any care that is given and reporting significant observations to the nursing staff. You may also help patients with daily activities, serving a vital role in the healthcare team.

With your newly acquired skills, you can diversify into other areas of medicine, such as labor and delivery, pediatrics and geriatrics.



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Nursing Assistant / Nurse Aide Course Outline

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits	Contact Hours
NA 110	Foundational Principles for the Nursing Assistant/Nurse Aide	45	40		4.0	85
NA 115	Nursing Assistant/Nurse Aide Externship			40	0.5	40
Program Totals		45	40	40	4.5	125.0

What You Will Learn

As a student in Pima Medical Institute's Nursing Assistant / Nurse Aide program, you will be instructed on a broad range of subjects, including infection control, communication and interpersonal skills, safety and emergency procedures, personal care skills, basic restorative services and skills, basic nursing skills, quality improvement and more.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of nursing assistants and orderlies is projected to grow 4 percent from 2023 to 2033, as fast as the average for all occupations. As the baby-boom population ages, nursing assistants and orderlies will be needed to assist and care for elderly patients.*

Employment

Most new job opportunities will be found in nursing and residential care facilities, although some may still find employment in hospitals.

Certification

To become a Certified Nursing Assistant / Nurse Aide (CNA), individuals should contact their state board of nursing to determine the specific requirements needed for certification.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Nursing Assistants and Orderlies, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nursing-assistants.htm> (visited January 11, 2025).



- Hands-on training
- Financial aid if qualified
- Career planning services