

PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE #HSC 0003: BASIC HEALTHCARE WORKER – 90 HOURS

Health Science Core (90 hours classroom)

Health Science students will be provided with that body of knowledge that is common to more than one Health Science occupation. A broad foundation of essential competencies serves as an introduction to Health Science and the Patient Care Technician program. Following the successful completion of the core, the student is eligible to take the national Internet certification exam (Nocti) with instructor approval and the completion of a portfolio.

COMPLETED OCP A: BASIC HEALTH CARE WORKER – 90 HOURS

COURSE #HCP 0121: NURSE AIDE AND ORDERLY (ARTICULATED) – 75 HOURS

Articulated Nursing Assistant (30 hours classroom)

Students will receive an in-depth overview of the physical and psychological changes that occur in the aging patient and their impact on the care being performed by the Patient Care Technician. Emphasis will be placed on the various activities of daily living (i.e. bathing and hygiene, feeding and nutritional status, elimination and fluid balance). An integral learning component of this course will focus on the student assuming the role of patient and caregiver in the classroom lab.

Prerequisite: Completion of Basic Health Care Worker with the minimum grade of “C.”

Articulated Nursing Assistant Clinical Practicum (45 hours clinical)

Students will receive an introduction to the long-term care facility (nursing home) and care of the geriatric patient. Students will be assigned to a long-term care facility under the supervision of a clinical instructor. Based upon the existing patient population, students will have the opportunity to apply learned theoretical knowledge to actual patients. Emphasis will be placed upon the performance of personal care and assisting with activities of daily living.

Prerequisite: Completion of Articulated Nursing Assistant (30 hours classroom) with a minimum grade of “C.”

COMPLETED OCP B: NURSE AID AND ORDERLY (ARTICULATED) – 75 HOURS

COURSE #HCP 0332: ADVANCED HOME HEALTH AIDE – 50 HOURS

Advanced Home Health Care (20 hours classroom)

Students will receive an introduction to caring for patients throughout the life span and adapting physical care to the home setting. An emphasis will be placed on those skills which are germane to the home setting, cultural competence, and community resources. The role of the Home Health Aide as a member of the multi-disciplinary team will be explored.

Advanced Home Health Clinical Practicum (30 hours clinical)

Students will receive the opportunity of providing physical care to the patient in the home setting. Emphasis will be placed on the adaptation of physical care, comfort, and safety to the home environment. Students will also have the opportunity to perform household management duties including environmental safety surveys. The opportunity will exist for students to function as members of a multi-disciplinary team. Students will be assigned to a community living facility (ALF) under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor.

Prerequisite: Completion of Advanced Home Health Care with a minimum grade of “C.”

COMPLETED OCP C: ADVANCED HOME HEALTH AIDE (50 Hours)

COURSE #HCP 0020: PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT – 75 HOURS

Patient Care Assistant (30 hours classroom)

Students will receive the theoretical and practical knowledge to care for patients during the acute phase of illness. Specific skills germane to the hospitalized patient will be presented.

Patient Care Assistant Clinical Practicum (45 hours clinical)

Students will be assigned to an area hospital under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor. Based upon the existing patient population and specific units, the students will have the opportunity of providing direct care to patients during the acute phase of illness. The culmination of this practicum will be for the students to have met the necessary competencies in order to obtain employment in a hospital or other agencies as a Patient Care Assistant.

Prerequisite: Completion of Patient Care Assistant with a minimum grade of “C”.

COMPLETED OCP D: PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT – 75 HOURS