

NURSING ASSISTANT - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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Requirements		
AHS 120	Medical Terminology	3
AHS 153	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NA 104	Nursing Assistant Fundamentals	3
NA 104 L	Nursing Assistant Fundamentals Lab	1
NA 105	Nursing Assistant Clinicals	4
OEEM 101	CPR for the Health Care Professional	1
Total Credits		16

A Suggested Plan of Study: One Semester

First Year		
Fall		Credits
NA 104	Nursing Assistant Fundamentals	3
NA 104 L	Nursing Assistant Fundamentals Lab	1
NA 105	Nursing Assistant Clinicals	4
AHS 120	Medical Terminology	3
AHS 153	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology I	4
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A Suggested Plan of Study: Two Semesters

The C.N.A program may be completed with dual/concurrent enrollment by high school students completing it over multiple semesters. There is no mandatory sequence when completing the required courses, but a strong recommendation that the NA 105 Clinical and OEEM 101 C.P.R be completed in the students **LAST** semester.

Freshman		
Fall		Credits
AHS 120	Medical Terminology	3
AHS 153	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NA 104	Nursing Assistant Fundamentals	3
NA 104 L	Nursing Assistant Fundamentals Lab	1
Credits		11
Spring		
NA 105	Nursing Assistant Clinicals	4
OEEM 101	CPR for the Health Care Professional	1
Credits		5
Total Credits		16

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