

NURSING ASSISTANT - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

16 credits

Nursing assistants perform basic nursing functions and procedures involving patient care. They work under the supervision of a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or physician. Nursing assistants tend to matters relating to personal hygiene, safety, nutrition, exercise, and elimination where maintaining patient comfort is a priority. Nursing assistants may be called upon to lift, move, or observe patients, as well as measure temperatures, pulses, respirations, and blood pressures. They may assist with patient admissions and discharges as well. The scope of their responsibilities, however, varies considerably depending upon the type of organization in which they are employed.

NOTE: Admission to the Nursing Assistant program requires Placement scores. Speak with an adviser regarding English and Math requirements and refer to course descriptions (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/grants/courses-descriptions/>).

| Prefix | Title | Credits |
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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 |