Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide certificate is a five (5)-credit course that introduces concepts of basic human needs, basic nursing and personal care skills, mental health and social needs, restorative services, resident’s rights, and home health. The skills are performed in a supervised laboratory and long term care clinical setting. The course meets the requirements of the federal government and the Minnesota Board of Nursing. Upon completion of the competency evaluation, students can be employed in a long-term care facility, hospital or home health agency.

Course Prerequisites

None.

Background Study

Minnesota Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a health care facility licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health have a background study conducted by the state. An individual who is disqualified from having direct patient contact as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement in a Minnesota licensed health care facility. The college will withdraw any student who is disqualified by the Minnesota Department of Health. The student is responsible for requesting the Commissioner to reconsider the disqualification.

Registration Process

Please register online.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how credits from this program may transfer into other Anoka Technical College programs or into a program at another college, visit:
- Minnesota Transfer
- Anoka Technical College transfer student

Books and Supplies

- Nursing assistant book and skills packet available through the Anoka Technical College bookstore.
- Student photo ID card.
- Black uniforms for the clinical training sites.
- Watch with a second hand and a box of non-latex exam gloves.

Reimbursable Expenses

Note from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding reimbursable expenses: Nursing assistants who pay for the cost of their training and testing prior to employment are eligible for reimbursement. The nursing assistant has one (1) year from completion of the test to turn in receipts requesting reimbursement. The facility has 90 days to reimburse the nursing assistant. If the nursing assistant does not remain employed as a nursing assistant for 90 days, the nursing home is under no obligation to reimburse the nursing assistant. The first nursing home the nursing assistant stays at for at least 90 days would then be responsible to reimburse the nursing assistant if it has been one year or less since completion of the test. Only certified nursing homes or boarding care homes are required to reimburse a nursing assistant.

Industry Information

Upon completion of the competency evaluation, a student can be employed in a long term care facility, hospital, home health agency or assisted living facility.

Start Dates

- Fall Semester: August
- Spring Semester: January
- Summer Semester: May/June

Program Sequence

First Semester: HLTH 1103 Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide

Faculty Contact

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For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu

Also see: Health Technology Certificate