

# CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT

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## Certificate

The Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) course is a combination of 180- hours of theory and clinical experience. Classes are held on campus and clinical experience is provided at various health care facilities in Weed and Mt. Shasta. Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) provide general care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, residential care facilities and other medical health settings under the supervision of nursing and medical staff. Routine tasks include taking and recoding patient's temperature, pulse , respiration rate and blood pressure; measuring food and liquid intake and output; and reporting changes to the nursing or medical staff. They also answer patient calls for assistance, take messages, service meals, make beds, and assist patients in bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene. Learning outcomes are described first day handouts.

**Important:** To obtain the Certificate in Certified Nurse Assistant, students must complete the following requirements with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0:

- The Prerequisites, Admission requirements and Nurse Assistant certificate requirements below.
- All courses must be completed with a C or better.

### Requirements for the Certificate

- Complete the following prerequisite:*
  - Students must demonstrate English comprehension at the sixth grade level or higher, by completing ENGL 0900 or qualification through assessment
- Complete the following program Admission Requirements:*
  - Live scan criminal background check and drug screening
  - Must be at least 16 years of age
  - Pass a physical examination and complete required immunizations
  - Current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card (*card must be valid through program completion-no other card will be accepted*)
- Complete the following:
  - NURS 9062- Certified Nurse Assistant ----- **6 units**

**Total Units** ----- **6**

Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the state competency exam for certification.