

Program Summary

A nursing assistant's chief responsibility is to perform routine tasks under the supervision of nursing and medical staff. Students will be trained to transport patients, take and monitor vital signs, assist in routine medical procedures, observe medical conditions, make beds, feed, dress and bathe patients. The Nursing Assistant program consists of classroom instruction and clinical training and is normally completed in 6 weeks. Night time students normally complete the program in 15-18 weeks. After completion of the classroom and clinical portion, students are qualified to take the exam to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).



CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

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• **Classroom Instruction (80 hours):** Topics include, but are not limited to the health care institution, patient communication and relations, safety, medical terms, emergency care, anatomy and physiology, orthopedics, admissions and discharges, geriatrics, human behavior, emergency care, patient observation and patient exercise.

• **Clinical Training (40 hours):** Students must complete 40 clinical hours under supervision. Clinical sites vary but students typically complete their clinical requirements in hospitals and nursing homes.

• **Location:** NETC Cheraw, NETC Dillon and clinical sites
Day and evening sections are available. Day classes usually meet from 8:30 am until 5 pm, 2 days a week for 4 weeks of classroom instruction and 7 am-4 pm for 1.5 weeks of clinical instruction. Evening classes usually meet 2 nights per week from 6:00 until 10:00 pm for approximately 15 weeks, and clinicals may be held on weekends.

• **Tuition and Fees: Call Continuing Education**

Fees include registration fees, textbooks, a health physical, certification exam, uniforms & shoes, SLED background check and drug check.

JOB PLACEMENT

Graduates of NETC's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) approved Nursing Assistant program are prepared to work in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, home health aides and various health care related positions. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment opportunities for Certified Nursing Assistants are expected to rise faster than the average career as the nation's population ages and demand for direct care will increase dramatically. Certified Nursing Assistants make between \$7.00 and \$14.00 per hour.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- » High school graduation is not required for admission to the class
- » Reading comprehension – a pre-test will be administered
- » SLED Background Check
- » 2 Step PPD, MMR and drug screening
- » HepB vaccinations are highly recommended
- » Proof of a recent health physical
- » Interview with program coordinator
- » Current CPR before beginning clinicals
- » Proof of US citizenship or legal presence

Applicants must also be approved by NETC before complete enrollment is final. To begin the process, visit NETC's Division of Continuing Education in Cheraw, NETC Dillon, NETC Pageland, NETC Bennettsville or call 1-800-921-7399 and choose option 4 to request an application.

