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CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

THE PROFESSION OF CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

This course is designed to train students to be competent in skills necessary for the nursing assistant to function successfully in a hospital, long-term care facility, or other health care facilities. The nursing assistant will provide services related to the comfort and welfare of the resident under direct supervision of the licensed nurse or physician. Some topics to be covered include body mechanics, transfer techniques, basic anatomy and physiology, personal care, vital signs, rehabilitation, death, Alzheimer patient care, dying and post-mortem care. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is also included.

NURSING ASSISTANT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

COMPASS Test—Score of 30 or better on Reading Skills **OR** ASSET Test – Score of 28 or better on Reading Skills, Application for Admission and a Negative 2-Step TB Test.

Students must have a 2-Step TB Test by the start of classes. These tests may be taken at a local health department. If a student has any physical restrictions, including pregnancy, they must obtain a signed release form from their physician allowing full participation.

NURSING ASSISTANT GENERAL CURRICULUM/COURSE REQUIREMENTS

We anticipate that John A. Logan College will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant Course **three times each fall and spring semesters.** The first day class starts at the beginning of each semester and lasts for eight weeks, followed by a second day class also lasting eight weeks. The day classes meet from 8 AM to 4 PM four days each week (Tuesday-Friday). An evening class starts at the beginning of each semester. The evening class meets from 5 PM to 10 PM two days each week and clinicals meet from 8 AM to 3 PM one day each week. All classes are held on the John A. Logan College campus two days and at various clinical sites (area nursing homes) one day.

This course is seven (7) credit hours. A COMPASS or ASSET Test is required before enrolling in this course. Please call John A. Logan College at (618) 985-3741 Ext. 8520 for more information or to make an appointment for testing.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees for this course are approximately \$497.00. **There is a textbook required for the course that can be purchased at the campus bookstore for \$54.95 plus tax.** A fee of \$50.00 for the State Certification Test must be paid by the third week of training. After you have registered for the CNA course, pay close attention to fee due dates. If you are dropped from the CNA course for non-payment of fees, you automatically forfeit your position from the program and will be replaced. **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT.**

On the first day of class there will be a Health Care Criminal Background Check initiated for each student. **Students are required to bring a money order payable to SIUC in the amount of \$15.00 to class on this day.**

FINANCIAL AID

The Nursing Assistant Program courses do not qualify for Federal or State grants or loans.

LEGAL LIMITATIONS

A law in Illinois says that you cannot work as a nurse's aide for a hospital, nursing home or home health agency if you have certain criminal convictions.

While this is not meant to discourage you, it is strongly recommended that, if you have a conviction for one or more of these crimes, you should not continue in the course until you apply and receive a waiver from the Illinois Department of Regulations.

A waiver does not change your criminal record. A waiver allows an employer to "legally" hire you, even though you have a criminal record.

DIRECT EXTENSION ACCESS: (618) 985-2828 or 457-7676
OPERATOR: (618) 985-3741, 549-7335, 542-8612, 937-3438, TTY: 985-2752
WEB SITE: <http://www.jalc.edu>

A waiver is NOT granted to everyone that applies. You may send in all the information requested and still not be granted a waiver. Each waiver application is reviewed completely. There are no hard and fast rules, but the following may be used as a guide:

You will probably not be granted a waiver if any of the following is true:

- You are still on probation, parole, or incarcerated.
- Your victim was an elderly or disabled person.
- You have several (more than two) similar crimes in the last five years.
- You have several violent crimes in the last five years.
- Your crime is any type of murder or sexual assault.
- You have less than two years clean and sober.

A waiver may be granted if:

- You have paid all your court fines and have satisfactorily completed probation.
- You only had a few (less than three) convictions more than 5 years ago.
- You have a single non-violent crime in the last 5 years.
- You have more than two years clean and sober.

Again, this is not meant to discourage you. There is a need for responsible, hard working and caring nurse's aides. However, it would be a shame if you invested the time, work and money in a nurse's aide class and then you were unable to get a job.

If you have a conviction, it is recommended that you discuss the issue privately with your instructor before the next class meeting.

Crimes that **disqualify** (That means that you can not work as a CNA with these convictions) you from working as a nurse's aide (**these include both misdemeanors or felonies**):

- Battery, domestic battery
- Assault
- Theft
- Retail theft
- Robbery, armed robbery, aggravated robbery
- Burglary, residential burglary
- Armed violence
- Criminal trespass to a residence
- Financial exploitation of an elderly or disabled person
- Murder, homicide, manslaughter
- Kidnapping, child abduction
- Unlawful restraint, forcible detention
- Indecent solicitation of a child, sexual exploitation of a child
- Tampering with food, drugs, or cosmetics
- Aggravated stalking
- Home invasion
- Sexual assault, sexual abuse
- Endangering the life or health of a child
- Abuse or gross neglect of a long-term care facility resident
- Criminal neglect of an elderly person
- Ritual mutilation, ritualized abuse of a child
- Vehicular hijacking, aggravated vehicular hijacking
- Arson
- Unlawful use of weapon
- Manufacture and delivery of controlled substances (drugs)
- Manufacture and delivery of cannabis (marijuana)
- Possession with intent to deliver (either drugs or marijuana)

Please note: You may have been convicted and not sent to jail. Often people are fined or given probation, but these are still convictions. If you are unsure whether an arrest ended up to be a conviction, contact the county in which you were arrested and speak to the people at the Circuit Clerk or State's Attorney's office or your attorney.

Some convictions that are **not** disqualifying (In other words, you can work if these are your only convictions):

- prostitution
- possession of cannabis or a controlled substance
- DUI
- deceptive practices (writing "bad checks on your own account)

You may request a waiver application by calling (217) 782-2913.

Questions: Contact Heather Hampson at John A. Logan College at (618) 985-3741 Ext. 8411.

For testing and registration contact the Assessment Office at John A. Logan College (618) 985-3741 Ext. 8518 or 8520.