EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LONG-TERM CARE ASSISTANT APPLICATION PACKET

This program is designed to prepare individuals to work as a nurse aide, personal care aide, home health aide, or geriatric nurse aide.

Admission

The Long-Term Care Assistant program is a high demand curriculum for which the number of applicants exceeds the number of spaces available. To provide a consistent and fair means of admission, the college has adopted the guidelines below.

1. Admission to the program will be offered on a first-come/first-served basis. Admission will be based on the dates students complete the application process and placement tests. First priority is given to residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, second to other Virginia residents, and third to out-of-state students.
2. Once all students have been accommodated under this policy, the College may accept additional registrations for program courses on a first-come/first-served basis.
3. Students who are not admitted must reapply the following year.
4. The Senior Citizen Waiver of Tuition benefit is not available for this high-demand program.
5. Students are eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam after completion of HCT 101 during the fall semester for nurse aide certification.
6. Students are eligible to take the PSI Medication Aide exam after completion of HCT 115 during summer semester for medication aide certification.

Program Application Requirements to Apply for Admission

In addition to the general admission requirements established by the College, minimum standards for entry into the program are:

- High school diploma or GED.
- Ninth grade reading and sixth grade math skills as established by TABE assessment. TABE is offered Monday – Friday in the GED building. No appointment is necessary.
- Math placement to MTE 3 or completion of appropriate developmental math courses.
- English placement to ENF 2 or completion of appropriate developmental English courses.
- Placement test prep class is held every Thursday from 9-1PM. Call Lisa Brasch at 789-5926 for appointment. Space is limited.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must be able to lift forty (40) pounds.
- Completion of a criminal background check.
- Completion of a Physical Examination and a two step PPD tuberculosis screening or chest x-ray if PPD positive.
- Current record of immunizations including MMR, Varicella, Tetanus and Hepatitis B or signed waiver.
- Must wear the appropriate uniform in the clinical area.

Program Notes

The nursing law of Virginia addresses criteria for application for nurse aide certification. The Virginia Board of Nursing has the power to deny the opportunity to become certified through testing if the applicant has committed a felony/misdemeanor violating the provisions of 54-367.32 of the Code of Virginia. A student's eligibility to take the nurse aide certification exam cannot be determined until application for certification is received by the State Board of Nursing.

Some health care facilities may not employ individuals or allow students to participate in clinical

experiences in their facilities who have committed certain criminal acts. Any student that has committed any illegal offenses other than minor traffic violations should discuss these matters with the program director for further clarification. Students who have convictions may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not complete the program. Upon completion of the LTCA program (12 credits) students will receive a Career Studies Certificate in Long Term Care. Students are responsible for costs related to required testing fees, liability insurance, uniforms and criminal background checks. The LTCA Career Studies Certificate program is not eligible for Pell Grant Financial Assistance. Financial Aide may be available through the Workforce Investment Act. Contact Michelle Spangler at 757-789-1756 or Tina Taylor at 757-789-1757 to apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Apply to ESCC online at www.es.vccs.edu.
2. Contact ESCC counselor at757-789-1730 for an appointment to take placement tests if needed.
3. Contact Michelle Spangler at 757-789-1756 or Tina Taylor at 757-789-1757 to determine eligibility for WIA tuition assistance.
4. Contact Linda Pruitt, RN, program advisor, for LTCA program application and review of placement test scores.
5. Upon acceptance into the LTCA program attendance to the Program Orientation Day is mandatory.

Eastern Shore Community College
LTCA Program Application Form

APPLICATION

LTCA application information must be sent to the following address:

Linda Pruitt, RN, MS
Director, Practical Nursing Program
LTCA Program
Eastern Shore Community College
Practical Nursing Program
29300 Lankford Highway
Melfa, VA 23410

Name:_____
Last First Middle

Other Names
Used:_____

Date of Birth_____

EMPL ID Number_____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Telephone Number:_____

EmailAddress:_____

What is the best way to contact you?_____

MAILING ADDRESS:

_____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations?
YES ____ NO ____

LTCA students are involved in providing direct patient care in medical facilities. Certain medical facilities require all students to have a Virginia State Police Criminal History and Sex Offender's Crimes Against Minors background investigation completed prior to the provision of patient care. Some facilities may also require drug testing for nursing students. Any student found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony other than minor traffic violations prior to or during LTCA education may be required to request an Exemption from Disqualification from each of the medical facilities to which they may be assigned during the program. If an exemption is not granted by the medical facility, the student will be unable to complete the requirements for the program, and will not be permitted to continue in the LTCA program. Students will be required to submit similar documentation to the Virginia Board of Nursing when making application to take the NNAAP for nurse aide certification in Virginia. The Board of Nursing can deny certification to any applicant who has filed false credentials, who has falsely represented facts on the application for certification and/ or who has committed a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations. In addition, certain health care facilities may not hire individuals who have committed a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations.

Falsified information on the application for admission will be grounds for denial.

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