

Long-Term Care Assistant, Career Studies Certificate

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Purpose

This Long-Term Care Assistant program prepares individuals to work as a nurse aide, home health aide, or geriatric nurse aide. Students are prepared to fulfill the minimum requirements for being eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assistant Program (NNAAP) exam; passing rates result in being listed in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. There are specific requirements that potential students must meet before enrolling in the program; see program advisor for details.

Under current guidelines, Federal financial aid cannot be used to enroll in this Career Studies Certificate program. Students may apply for WIOA tuition assistance by calling 757.789.1756 or 757.789.1757.

Program Requirements and Special Conditions

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.
2. First priority is given to residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, second to other Virginia residents, and third to out-of-state students.
3. 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.
4. Students who are not admitted must reapply the following year.
5. The Senior Citizen Waiver of Tuition benefit is not available for this high-demand program.
6. Students are eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam after completion of HCT 101 for nurse aide certification.
7. Students are eligible to take the PSI Medication Aide exam after completion of HCT 115 for medication aide certification.
8. Students that complete the curriculum are eligible for an ESCC Career Studies Certificate.

Program Application Requirements to Apply for Admission

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

1. High school diploma or GED
2. Ninth grade reading and sixth grade math skills as established by Tests for Adult Basic Education (TABE) if Workforce Investment Act (WIOA) student
3. Math placement to MTE 2 or completion of appropriate developmental math courses
4. English placement to ENF 2 or completion of appropriate developmental English courses
5. Must be 18 years of age or older
6. Must be able to lift forty (40) pounds
7. Completion of a criminal background check
8. Completion of a Physical Examination and a two-step PPD tuberculosis screening or chest x-ray if PPD positive
9. Current record of immunizations including MMR, Varicella, Tetanus and Hepatitis B or signed waiver
10. Must wear the appropriate uniform in the clinical area

Program Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Provide safe, competent care for the patient/family
- Employ appropriate actions regarding cultural, ethical, legal, and nurse aide values for self and others.
- Practice within the standards established by the profession, and identify the parameters of accountability.

Program Curriculum and Suggested Sequence of Courses

(Curriculum subject to change due to guidance announced by the Virginia Board of Nursing.)

1st Semester	Credits	Course Details
HCT 101 Health Care Technician I	4	See Note 1.
HCT 190 Coordinated Internship in Health Care	2	See Note 1.

HLT 105 CPR	1	
HLT 145 Ethics for Health Care Personnel	2	See Note 2.
Total Credits For Program	9	

Notes and Additional Curriculum Options

1. Students must receive a C (80%) in HCT 101 and HCT 190 to be eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam.
2. Students may choose to take HCT 115 in place of HLT 145. However, HCT 101 and HCT 190 are prerequisites for HCT 115. The courses may not be taken concurrently.

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 Virginia State Board of Nursing (VBON).

The grading scale for the LTCA program is as follows:

- A 94 - 100
- B 87 - 93
- C 80 - 86
- D 74 - 79
- F 73 and below

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. Students are responsible for costs related to required testing fees, liability insurance, uniforms and criminal background checks.

Certifications

Courses in this program may help students attain the following license(s) or certification(s):

- Certified Nurse Aide from the Virginia Board of Nursing.
- Medication Aid Certification from the Virginia Board of Nursing.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)