

# NURSING ASSISTANT

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The Nursing Assistant Program prepares students to be a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

A CNA is a member of the healthcare team under the direct supervision of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. CNAs work in hospitals, long-term care centers, or other healthcare settings. A CNA helps people with activities of daily living and other healthcare needs. Students who successfully complete the NUR 103 Nursing Assistant class can then obtain CNA certification by passing the Oregon State Board of Nursing competency exam and background check. After earning their CNA certification, students can apply for work as a CNA.

Students who want to become a CNA can take NUR 103 Nursing Assistant as a stand-alone class, or they can take NUR 103 Nursing Assistant as part of the one-year Nursing Assistant certificate of completion (NA CC1). The NA CC1 adds on other foundational classes (such as math, writing, and communication) as well as Community Health Worker certification.

See the [Nursing Assistant page](#) for program and contact information.

## Certificates

### Career and Technical Education

#### One-Year Certificate of Completion

- [Nursing Assistant - One-Year Certificate of Completion \(CC1\)](#)

## Courses

### NUR 103 Nursing Assistant (7 Credits)

**Prerequisites:** Department approval based on proof of holding a current American Heart Association, BLS Provider CPR card, passing a criminal history check, passing a urine drug screen, and meeting immunization and TB test requirements.

Covers basic nursing assistant care and effective communication skills for clients in acute and long-term care facilities. Discusses issues of confidentiality, client rights, and role of the nursing assistant. Students are eligible to sit for the Oregon State Board of Nursing sanctioned certified nursing assistant examination upon completion of the course. Clinic takes place in acute and long-term care facilities.