



NURSING ASSISTANT

Itasca Community College

Award: Certificate
Length: 3 semester credits, 84 hours

This 84-hour course is designed to meet the Minnesota Department of Health standards. The Minnesota State Board of Vocational Technical Education Curriculum is utilized for teaching community skills, residents' rights, rehabilitation, basic person care, vital signs, psychosocial needs, etc. Upon satisfactory completion of classroom/lab instruction and clinical experience, the student qualifies to take the competency exam. This exam is required by federal legislation (OBRA) for the employment of nursing assistants in long term care facilities. Clinical learning experiences are arranged at area long term care facilities.

This course is intended to prepare students for practice at the nursing assistant level and also serve as an introduction to the nursing sequence for students who continue beyond Level I. This course is a prerequisite for the ICC Practical Nursing program. A grade point average of 2.0 or better is required for a certificate of completion and admittance into the level II Practical Nursing Program.

Note: Students must submit to a criminal background study and obtain clearance prior to clinical experiences.

Required course:	Credits:
PRNU 1101 Nursing Assistant	3
OR	
PRNU 1104 Nursing Assistant/HHA	4