

Colorado Northwestern Community College

Nurse Aide Program

Student Information

Program Description: This is a 5 credit hour course requiring classroom activity, lab time and clinical experience. Upon completion of the course the student will be eligible to take the Colorado Board of Nursing certification exam.

NUA 101: Certified Nurse Aide Health Care Skills

Credit Hours: 4

67.5 Contact Hours (45 lecture, 22.5 lab)

This course prepares the student to perform the fundamental skills of the nurse aide. Basic nursing skills, restorative services, personal care skills, safety and emergency care issues are covered in theory and lab. The student will learn skills that address mental health needs as well as patient/resident/client rights.

NUA 170: Nurse Assistant Clinical Experience

Credit Hours: 1

22.5 Contact Hours

This course applies knowledge gained from NUA 101 in a clinical setting.

Estimated Cost

Tuition: 5 credit hours, \$88.29. per credit hour	\$444.50
Registration and fees:	\$ 37.65
Textbook:	\$ 60.65
Criminal background check (depends on how many last names or states of residence)	\$ 25.00 minimum
Certification Exam:	\$105.00
Malpractice insurance:	\$ 14.50
Uniforms/shoes:	Varies
Immunizations:	Varies
Lab Fees	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total	\$ 692.30

Fees are subject to change without notice:

Accuplacer Test

Scores of Reading 60 and Math 57 or

Approval of instructor

Financial Aid

There may be assistance available through the college (contact your local CNCC campus), the Colorado Workforce Center or through a potential employer. A nurse aide who pays for the certification exam and becomes employed by a facility within 12 months of the date of certification must be reimbursed by the facility, prorated for the portion of the 12 month period that the individual was employed at the facility.

Criminal Background Check

The state of Colorado requires that everyone who wants to be a nurse aide must have a criminal background check (CBC). Your application for admission must include a completed CBC Request Form. Behaviors (convictions or crimes) that may make you ineligible to participate in long-term care facilities include, but are not limited to, physical abuse, theft, illegal use of weapons, or illegal use or possession of controlled substances. **See Darby for specific instructions.**

Dress Code

The student will be required to wear scrubs, white shoes (clean tennis shoes are allowed), a watch with a second hand and a CNCC student name tag at all times while in a clinical facility. No jewelry will be permitted other than a wedding band. Long nails, excessive make-up or perfume are not permitted.

Immunizations

These can be obtained from your private health care provider or your local public health office (Call the Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association for an appointment at 824-8233 or 879-1632).

Measles, Mumps and Rubella: You must have proof of immunity, vaccination (2 doses), or physician diagnosed disease if you were born after 1/1/57.

Tetanus (TD or Tetanus-Diphtheria): You must have a vaccination within the past 10 years.

Beginning January 1, 2010 a two-step TB screening will be completed/ documented prior to clinical/client contact.

Hepatitis B: This is highly recommended for health care workers and is a series of 3 shots. You may sign a waiver declining this immunization after obtaining information from a health care worker but this is not recommended.

Meningoccal vaccine or waiver

NATCEP

- A nurse aide who pays for a Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program(NATCEP) and becomes employed by a facility (that received Medicare/Medicaid funds)within 12 months of date of certification must be reimbursed by the facility, prorated for the portion of the 12-month period that the individual was employed by the facility.

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“Pursuant to Section 483.152(c) of the Federal Rules and Regulations related to Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEP), a long-term care facility(“facility”) that receives Medicare or Medicaid funds must reimburse a nurse aide who pays for a NATCEP and becomes employed by the facility within 12 months of date of certification, prorated for the portion of the 12-month period that the individual was employed by the facility.”