



Pine Technical &
Community College

Nursing Assistant and Medication Aide

• Certificate

The Nursing Assistant and Medication Aide certificate is a stackable credential that provides students with pathways to continue their education into one of our healthcare professional programs or enter directly into the workforce as a Certified Nursing Assistant and/or a Trained Medication Aide.

In one semester or more, PTCC's program will prepare you with the knowledge and clinical skills to work in a variety of settings including nursing homes, adult day care centers, personal homes, and assisted living facilities.

Working as a Nursing Assistant (NA) and Trained Medication Aide (TMA) is an excellent stand-alone career or an excellent way to launch a nursing career; in fact, many LPNs and RNs find their start as NAs or TMAs.

Recommended Course Sequence for Completion in 1 or 2 Semesters

ONE SEMESTER

Fall Semester 1

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| ENGL 1276 College Composition | 4 |
| BIOL 1240 Health and Disease in the Human Body | 4 |
| HEOP 1241 Nursing Assistant | 2 |
| HEOP 1242 Nursing Assistant Clinical | 1 |
| *HPPC 1000 Medical Dosages | 1 |
| *HPPC 1002 Medical Terminology | 1 |
| *HPPC 1004 Pharmacology | 1 |
| HPPC 1010 Trained Medication Aide for Unlicensed Personnel | 3 |

TOTAL CERTIFICATE CREDITS 17

Nursing Assistant and Medication Aide Certificate Earned!

Career Outlook

In your career as a Nursing Assistant, you will work closely with patients and be responsible for activities of daily living such as checking patients' vital signs; feeding, grooming and bathing patients; assisting nurses with medical equipment and conveying vital information on patient conditions to nurses. The Trained Medication Aide course includes an overview of metric, apothecary, and household measurement abbreviations, with implications for use with medication administration. Students must be CNA certified before entering the TMA course, as well as be able to pass meds. Upon completion of the course the student will receive a certificate of completion of the course. Becoming a TMA will allow you to distribute patient medications in nursing homes, schools, correctional facilities, or other non-hospital, assisted living facilities for the physically or mentally disabled.

TWO SEMESTERS

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| HEOP 1242 Nursing Assistant Clinical | 1 |
| *HPPC 1002 Medical Terminology | 1 |
| *HPPC 1004 Pharmacology | 1 |
| HPPC 1010 Trained Medication Aide for Unlicensed Personnel | 3 |
| Total Credits | 8 |

Spring Semester 1

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| BIOL 1240 Health and Disease in the Human Body | 4 |
| ENGL 1276 College Composition | 4 |
| *HPPC 1000 Medical Dosages | 1 |
| Total Credits | 9 |

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*Check with our Transfer Specialist to determine if any knowledge or skills learned outside of the classroom may qualify for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) college credit.

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