Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program

Academic Plan as of spring 2025

Program Description:

UNLV Continuing Education is partnering with the Perry Foundation Academy of Health to offer the Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program. Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) offer patients compassion and patience while assisting them with day-to-day life tasks such as dressing, bathing and feeding. CNAs enjoy solid job security and frequently work a flexible schedule. Typical work environments include long-term care facilities, hospitals, clinics and in the home.

While in school, you will be instructed on a broad range of subjects, including infection control, communication and interpersonal skills, safety and emergency procedures, personal care skills, psychosocial needs, basic restorative services and skills, basic nursing skills, quality improvement and more. The training takes four weeks to complete, preparing you to take the Nevada State Board of Nursing exam. Textbook, workbook and one set of scrubs (top and bottom) is included in the tuition. Students will need to purchase white shoes, stethoscope and additional scrubs. Students will also need to pay and complete additional licensing requirements to become certified including completing a fingerprinting/background check, the license application, and more.

Program Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of common elements required for certification by the Nevada State Board of Nursing. This will be measured by student achievement of a passing grade on instructor developed and administered final examinations.
- Demonstrate compliance with standards of practice for nursing assistants. This will be measured by an administered skills test given at the end of each semester to each student that contains core elements of practice such as privacy, safety dignity and patient rights.
- Demonstrate competence with all skills required for certification. This will be measured by an administered skills competency test given at the end of each semester that contains elements of all required steps for all required skills.

Prerequisites and Admissions Requirements:

Persons wishing to enroll in the Perry Foundation Academy of Health CNA Program must be 18 years of age, show proof of high school diploma or equivalency, and complete the enrollment agreement. This process ensures each prospective student is capable of completing the program and understands the admission requirements.

Background check is a requirement of the program. If a student declines, or if the background is unsatisfactory to the Perry Foundation or clinical training sites, the student will not be permitted to participate in the program. Students are admitted to the program and subject to the results of the background check.

Enrollment into the program is subject to the approval by the Academic Director once all prerequisites have been met and the required deposit has been made.

Program Requirements:

To earn credit for the Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program, you must successfully complete the required course **Certified Nursing Assistant Training (NA1100)** for a total of 96.0 contact hours (9.6 CEUs).