Nursing Assistant Informational Session
Spring 2020
HOC 19A & 19B

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Why become a CNA?

- The CNA is the foundation of the nursing team
- The CNA works closest with the patients
- You have the opportunity to make a real difference!
- Becoming a CNA is generally the first step to obtaining an LVN or RN license
- Working as a CNA looks GREAT on your resume
- CNAs are needed in many aspects of healthcare and there are many job opportunities.
What does a Nursing Assistant do?

Nursing Assistants play a vital role in providing the most basic needs for patients, young and old. They work under the direct supervision of the RN or LVN.

- Bathing the patient
- Dressing them
- Feeding and nourishment
- Measuring and recording vital signs
- Assisting with transportation/transfer
- Providing emotional support
- Helping patients with their activities of daily living
Where do Nursing Assistants Work?

- Hospice
- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Medical Centers
- Staffing Agencies
- Urgent Care Centers
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Medical Group Practices
- Home Health Care Agencies
- Day Care Centers and Pre-Schools
How much do CNA’s make?

- As of January 1\(^{st}\) 2019 minimum wage in Santa Clara is $15.00 per hour. The average wage for a Certified Nursing Assistant in Santa Clara is approximately $17.00-21.00 per hour.
- Most students say they have started at $17.50
- The wages of a CNA vary depending on where you work and the type of facility you work in. It also varies based on experience.
How our program works

- You will go to theory & lab the first 7 weeks and then clinical the second 7 weeks (see schedule next slide)

- Theory is Wed & Thurs 3:00 - 9:30 pm

- Clinical is 2 days a week 6:30 am - 2:45 pm. Clinical is either Mon/Tues, Wed/Sat, or Fri/Sat (we try to accommodate your schedule but no guarantees)

- You are required to wear a uniform to clinical and mission college name badge.

- You do not need to wear your uniform for theory. You will need to wear appropriate clothing as you will be practicing as patients
## Spring 2020 Theory Schedule

### Theory 3:00pm-7:20pm / Lab 7:50pm-9:30pm

Ms. Lania / Ms. Tess

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## Spring 2020 Clinical Schedule

Clinical 6:30am-2:45pm (30 min lunch)
Ms. Carrie/Ms. Tess

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Ms. Tess=Wednesday /Saturday (OLOF)
Ms. Carrie =Friday/Saturday (Lincoln Glen) & Monday/Tuesday (Amberwood)
Requirements For NA Program

- Must be 16 or older
- Must have a social security card or an ITIN Number (If you have an ITIN number you must speak with the director for further clarification)
- Must have a valid legal ID (driver’s license, state ID, passport)
- Must apply at the college to obtain student ID number

**NOTE:** Assessment testing and transcripts are NOT required
Program Acceptance

- We are able to accept 45 students into the program.
- Every student that turns in their complete application on time and meets the qualifications is randomly selected by the computer. APPLICATION DATES October 2nd-October 30th
- Late applications will be accepted but will not be evaluated until all other students have been notified.
- Most students qualify and any student exceeding the 45 will be placed on the wait list.
- We ask that waitlisted students follow through with their medical packet and deadlines. We also require that they attend the orientation. Most of the time waitlisted students get in!
Application Checklist

- Complete application (be sure to sign it).
- Include copy of social security card and legal ID
- Enclose in a large manila envelope (do not fold or staple)
- Write your name, student ID, CNA Spring 2020 on the front of the manila envelope.
- Include a current & legible email address.
- Place your application in the drop box in GC 235
- All correspondence regarding acceptance, denials, and wait listing for the program will be done via email. **If you do not receive an email by November 4 stating you are in the program or waitlisted, it is your responsibility to contact us!**
Attendance Policy

**Policy:** Students are expected to attend all class sessions and participate in class activities and the requirements for the course. Instructors may drop students from class if they fail to attend the first class meeting or when the instructor determines that the student is no longer reasonably participating in the activities and requirements of the course. Definition of non-participation shall include but not be limited to excessive absences defined by the college when accumulated hours of absences exceed ten percent of the total number of hours the class meets during the semester or when the student has exceeded the state approved training schedule’s built in make-up time.

See full policy posted on Health Occupations website.

***You may miss no more than one Theory or Clinical day***
State Requirements

- You must complete **60 hours** of theory (hour per hour)
- You must complete **100 hours** of clinical (hour per hour)
- Fingerprinting (see next slide)

****YOU MAY NOT BE TARDY OR MISS ANY DAYS AS THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED MAKE-UPS AVAILABLE FOR THEORY. IF A MAKE-UP DAY IS NECESSARY YOU WILL HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MAKE-UP BASED ON THE INSTRUCTOR’S SCHEDULE. YOU MAY NOT MISS MORE THAN ONE CLINICAL DAY. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PLAN YOUR SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!
FINGERPRINTING

- It’s the law
- Once you have been accepted into the program you will be fingerprinted on the second day of class (there is no cost to you)
  - You must state on the form whether you have been convicted of any crime other than a minor traffic violation (please speak to me in private if you have any questions)
Successful Completion

- For successful completion of the program, a minimum grade of a 75% in theory is mandatory. Failure in the clinical portion of the Nursing Assistant program constitutes an F in the theory course. They both must be passed!

- Both clinical and theory must be passed to be eligible for the state exam.

- You must register for the state exam at least 10 business days before the date of the exam.  
  
  http://www.missioncollege.edu/depts/health-workforce/regional_testing.html
Health Requirements
Due January, 15, 2020

- Physical exam (w/in 3 mo. of start of program)
- Titer levels required. If you are not immune, you may need booster
  - MMR titer (measles, mumps, rubella)
  - Varicella titer
  - Hepatitis B titer
- Tdap within 10 years
- Tuberculosis clearance
  - 2-step PPD (w/in 3 mo.) and/or QuantiFERON (w/in 1 year).
  - If previous positive PPD, you will need a chest x-ray taken within the last 5 years
- Current surveillance form (in packet)
General costs

- Registration (regular registration fees) plus $46.00 per unit
- Physical exam/labs/and immunizations (depends on insurance). May schedule with student health if you are uninsured.
- Skills kit ($70.00-$119.00)
- Textbook $66.25/workbook $20.25 (may buy used books)
- Uniform and shoes (white scrubs/white tennis shoes)
- State exam ($100.00)

***All costs are subject to change***
Spring 2020 Important Dates

- **Spring Application Period**
  - Oct 2 - Oct 30
- **Email notification by**
  - Nov 4
- **Mandatory Orientation**
  - Nov 13 12:00 pm-3:00 pm
- **Medical Packet Due**
  - January 15, 2020
- **First Day of Class**
  - January 29, 2020
- (See Theory and Clinical section for complete schedule)

***Dates May Change. Website will be updated as needed.***
Important Links

- Mission College Website: Home
  http://missioncollege.edu/

- Cost and instructions for NA certification:
  http://www.missioncollege.edu/depts/healthworkforce/regional_testing.html

- Mission College website: Paying for college
  http://missioncollege.edu/student_services/financial_aid/default.html

- Health Occupations: Nursing Assistant information, applications, upcoming dates, power point, medical packets etc.
  http://missioncollege.edu/depts/health-occupations-nursing/index.html
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