



**Riverside City College- School of Nursing  
Nurse Assistant Training Program  
4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506-1299**

**Nurse Assistant Information Sheet**

**General Information**

The Nurse Assistant Training Program (NATP) is approved by the California Department of Health Services (CDPH). The contact information for the CDPH is P.O. Box 997416, Sacramento, CA. 95899-7416, (916) 327-2445.

The Nursing Assistant Training Program is a 16-week full-time course offered in Fall and Spring. This course is designed for students who have expressed interest in the entry level nursing profession. This course meets Title 22 regulations in taking care of the geriatric population in the long-term care setting utilizing skills in basic care, emergency care, and communication. Upon successful completion of this 6-unit program, and achieve the certificate of completion, are qualified to apply for and take the California Competency Exam, administered by the American Red Cross or the National Nurses Aide Assessment Program. Once the student passes the state competency exam, the California Department of Public Health will issue the certificate demonstrating the graduate is a new Certified Nursing Assistant pending criminal screening.

**Curriculum Guide for the Nursing Assistant Training Program/Course Content**

Introduction	Patient Rights	Interpersonal Skills
Prevention Management of Catastrophe & Unusual Occurrence	Body Mechanics	Medical & Surgical Asepsis
Weights & Measurements	Patient Care Skills	Patient Care Procedures
Vital Signs	Nutrition	Emergency Procedures
Long-term Care Patient	Rehabilitative Nursing	Observation & Charting
Death & Dying		

**NATP Course HET-80**

72 Hours Lecture  
108 Lab/Clinical  
6.0 Units

**CNA Application Period**

First business day of September – Last business day of September to start SPRING semester.  
First business day of April- Last business day of April to start FALL semester.

**Admissions Procedure**

Applicants must complete and submit a Nurse Assistant application to the School of Nursing for consideration.

Applications may be obtained at RCC School of Nursing website during application filing periods. Applications must be submitted electronically to [nursing@rcc.edu](mailto:nursing@rcc.edu). Please verify current application filing period dates with Counseling Department or School of Nursing office at (951) 222-8407.

Students must take Nelson-Denny Assessment and successfully demonstrate 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading/English competency. This test is offered by the Assessment Center, free of charge.

The Nursing Enrollment and Evaluations Specialist will evaluate each applicant for admission into the program. Applicants accepted into the program will be notified by e-mail.

### **Program Requirements**

Students accepted into the Nursing Assistant Training Program are required to submit health & physical examination, immunization records, American Heart Association (BLS) HealthCare providers CPR card, and complete a background check through Life Scan (fingerprints). Applicants must be free from communicable diseases, infections, psychological disorders, and other conditions that would prevent the successful performance of the responsibilities and tasks required in the training program.

Based on guidelines from California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and clinical facility policies; nursing students must have clear criminal background and be fingerprinted to participate in clinical courses. The School of Nursing requires applicants to disclose prior misdemeanor and felony convictions. The applicant must explain the circumstance of the conviction and provide documentation of rehabilitation. The CDPH considers the nature and severity of the offense subsequent acts, recency of the acts of crime, compliance with court sanctions, and evidence of rehabilitation in determining eligibility for certification.

### **State Certification Requirements**

All students are required to meet the state requirements for hours of theory and clinical attendance. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) requires a valid social security number for certification. The California Department of Public Health Licensing and Certification Program Aide and Technician Certification can be reached at (916) 327-2445.

### **Requirements for Eligibility**

1. Be at least 17 years of age
2. RCC Application on file and eligibility to attend RCC
3. Take Nelson-Denny Assessment and successfully demonstrate 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading/English competency OR have successfully completed one of the following English courses: ENG-60A; ENG-60B; ENG-50; ENG-70; ENG-80; ENG-1A

### **Selection Procedure**

Selection of the Nursing Assistant Program will be filled on first-come first-served basis of qualified applicants. RCC reserves the right to designate a certain number of spaces for contract agreements and/or to meet grant-designated outcomes. If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary in the next application period.

### **Expenses**

1. Students pay Health Services \$25.00
2. Parking \$50.00
3. Student Services Fee \$10.00
4. Tuition \$46.00 per unit
5. Uniform approximately \$100.00
6. Cost of books and supplies approximately \$100.00
7. Physical examination/lab work cost approximately \$100-600
8. Background check/CPR cost approximately \$220.00
9. It is recommended that students carry personal health and accident insurance including hospitalization. Policies are available to college students at reasonable rates. The college provides liability insurance at NO cost to the student.

***When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to program requirements. Scholarships and grants are available to those who qualify.***

### **Health Exam and CPR Certification**

Students will be admitted to the program pending submission of a CPR Card (American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider) valid for 1 year, and a completed health examination form with clearance permitting unrestricted functional activities essential to nursing practice in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (1990). Health Exam and CPR Certification are not required at the time of application.

### **Background Check and Drug Screen**

All new and readmitting students are required to demonstrate a clear background check and drug screen prior to enrollment in clinical courses. See “Background Check/Drug Screen” policy for further details. The background check requires that students be able to provide a valid social security number. The process for obtaining the background check is available in the School of Nursing office.

### **California Department of Public Health**

*The Professional Certification Branch (PCB), Aide and Technician Certification Section (ATCS) is primarily responsible for the certification of nurse assistants by ensuring applicants adhere to the California Health and Safety Code, Section 1337-1338.5.*

#### Mailing Address:

Aide and Technician Certification Section  
P.O. Box 997416, MS 3301  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7416

Phone Number: (916) 327-2445

### **Citizenship and Immigration Status Verification for Certification**

The Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act requires government agencies to eliminate “public benefits” to individuals who cannot provide proof of their legal status in the United States. “Public Benefit” has been interpreted to include a certificate issued by a state. This means that all applicant for CNA certification will be required to submit verification of citizenship or legal residence status in the United States. A certificate may not be issued until legal status in the United States has been confirmed by the Immigration and Naturalization service.

### **Disclosure of Social Security Number/Tax ID Number**

If you fail to disclose your social security number or tax/ID number, your application for initial or renewal certification will be delayed or rejected.

### **Fingerprint Requirement**

One requirement to qualify for the certification examination is the submission of Live Scan fingerprints. These are evaluated by the California Department of Justice and the F.B.I.

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