

Pre-Certification Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Course Description: **Class Limit = 17. Two-hour block; one-year course; 20 units per year.** This approved California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Pre-Certification Nursing Assistant (CNA) class includes classroom instruction and clinical hours in a long-term care facility. The course instructs students on the care of geriatric residents. An RN or LVN teaches and supervises the class. After successfully completing the required number of hours of supervised study and hands-on practice and maintaining a 70% GPA or better, the student is eligible to take a **California State exam for the Certified Nursing Assistant license.** Certified Nursing Assistants are in demand at long-term care facilities, hospitals, assisted living, doctor's offices, and home health agencies. **Students are responsible to pay for the state certification exam (\$90).**

Articulation: Dual Enrollment with Reedley College, NAT 101, 6 Units

Industry Certification: This course prepares the students to take the State Certification test for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)

Hours & Credits: 360 hours per year
20 credits per year

Prerequisites: **1) Students must be senior status, have an overall GPA of 2.5, and possess a valid Social Security card.**
2) Students who have successfully completed Medical Terminology class and also have the above requirements have priority for placement in the CNA classes.

Student Outcomes:

- Demonstrates knowledge in personal care skills observation and communication skills with emphasis on caring for the geriatric and rehabilitation patients.
- Demonstrate knowledge of safety, disaster, and unusual occurrence procedures.
- Demonstrates knowledge of body mechanics, medical and surgical asepsis, vital signs, nutrition, and emergency procedures. Long-term care patients, rehabilitation, death and dying, and isolation techniques (classroom training).
- Demonstrates practical application of the Metric system, patient care skills and procedures, emergency procedures, observation and charting, measure and record vital signs (clinical training).
- Obtains introduction to Medical Terminology and Anatomy.
- Obtain experience in working with residents in long-term care facilities.