Certified Nursing Assistant Training

The Nursing Assistant Training Program is designed for students to have a meaningful learning experience in the classroom, lab, and clinical phase of the program, and to successfully acquire the skills needed to become a Nursing Assistant. All learning activities and objectives have been developed to provide students with optimum exposure to theoretical content and practical experience.

The type of person who is attracted to nursing and being a nurse assistant is a person with a strong sense of empathy for the needs of others. Psychologically these are people who have a strong feeling of belonging in their community and communicate well with others. Caring for the sick or elderly is a challenging job that requires complete commitment, and occasionally putting others first.

The Role of the Certified Nursing Assistant

The certified nursing assistant, or CNA, helps patients or clients with healthcare needs under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The individual who carries this title needs strong work ethic and the ability to function as a critical member of the health care team.

The nursing assistant fulfills basic quality of life needs for patients of any age, ethnicity or gender in residential nursing care facilities or outpatient clinics. Since nursing assistants have daily contact with patients, they are gatherers of vital information about the patients’ conditions, which they must then transmit to their supervisors. A CNA’s workload can become intense and fast-paced, but the human contact and ability to help those in medical need is a strong motivating factor. A desire to help people and compassion for patients can help a nurse’s assistant get through difficult situations.

The nurse assistant is often described as the eyes and ears of the nurse on staff and is expected to be more than just an observer, being called on to help, monitor patients, and assist patients with hygiene and comfort, and much more. The work of a nursing assistant can be physically demanding, but is also fulfilling and emotionally rewarding.
Expense of Class

The Certified Nursing Assistant training class is offered free as a community outreach program. You may or may not be offered employment upon completion of the program. Textbooks will be given to students on loan and will be returned on the day of the certification knowledge test. Each student will be required to purchase a white scrub top and navy blue pants for the Clinical and Pinning Ceremony. Scrubs of any color can be worn for class and lab times.

Hours of Training

Fair Havens Certified Nursing Assistant Class is a four week program with a total of 54.75 hours of instructional class time to include Lecture, Didactic presentation Power Point presentation, and Video presentation with Discussion. Training will also include 27.75 lab hours for demonstration and return demonstration of all practical skills. Each training participant will have 30 Clinical hours which will be completed at Fair Haven. Class time will be Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 2:30pm. On days of clinical training, hours will be from 7:00am until 2:30pm.

Application

Applications for the CNA program will be available at Fair Haven’s reception desk during normal business hours. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be contacted by phone to schedule interviews. Space is limited with only eight applications being accepted for each class.