

BASIC NURSE AIDE and MEDICATION AIDE

The basic nurse aide and medication aide programs train students in the knowledge and skills necessary to administer responsible health care to the ill and aged in nursing facilities, long-term care facilities, and assisted care facilities under qualified supervision.

Course Descriptions

Nurse Aide (NURA 1110 - 3 credit hours/76 hours) — This course includes basic patient care, an introduction to aging and disability, personal hygiene, body activity skills, fire prevention, and safety. Basic communication and documentation, planning patient care, and vital signs, as well as nutrition and elimination needs and a discussion of death and dying are included. Anatomy and physiology will also be discussed.

Students completing this course and successfully completing a written and practical exam, are prepared for employment as nursing assistants in hospitals and/or extended care facilities. The students names will be placed on the basic nurse aide registry at the Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, Credentialing Division.

Medication Aide (HLTH 1120 - 3.0 credit hours/45 hours) — This course is designed to prepare the student to meet the requirements of the Medication Aide Act and the responsibilities of the medication aide in an assisted living facility and/or a nursing facility.

This course includes information regarding medication administration, pharmacology, rules and regulations, classification of drugs, orders, storage, abbreviations, and an overview of commonly used drugs and documentation.

Upon completion of this course, the student is eligible to take the state administered written exam. After successfully passing this examination and completing the application procedure, the student's name will be placed on the medication aide registry at the Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, Credentialing Division.