

**Personal Care Aide (New title pending approval of the Reynolds College Board)
Career Studies Certificate**

Purpose: The Personal Care Aide Career Studies Certificate program prepares students for work as a personal care aide, who provides the appropriate services that make it possible for individuals to maintain their independence in their homes and to live independently as long as possible. A personal care aide adds quality of life for adults, children, and physically handicapped individuals who are homebound, memory impaired, socially isolated, or depressed and need a caring adult to support their independence.

Occupational Objectives: Graduates may seek employment in private homes, adult day care centers, assisted living facilities, public school systems for a student who has special needs, and health care agencies that offer companion services.

Admission Requirements: General college curricular admission

Clarification of Admission Requirements: Students must have completed a high school program with a recognized diploma/GED or have passed the college's Ability to Benefit (ATB) test.

Program Notes: All students applying to the Personal Care Aide program will take the college placement test. Students must possess the social skills necessary to function as independent persons among their peers in the college environment. Social skills are defined as the ability to follow directions, exhibit appropriate communication skills and behavior, which adheres to the college code of conduct. Credits earned in this program are non-transferable.

Curriculum

Course	Title	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1	0	1
SDV 80	Integrated Basic Academic/Life Skills	5	0	5
SOC 85	Social Skills Development	3	0	3
HLT 95	Introduction to Health Related Occupations	2	0	2
NUR 95	Medical Terminology and Documentation	2	0	2
NUR 95	Nutrition, Diet Therapy, and Food Preparation for Personal Care Aides	3	0	3
HLT 95	First Aid and CPR	3	0	3
NUR 95	Personal Care Companion	3	0	3
NUR 90	Coordinated Internship for Personal Care Aides	0	25	5
	Total	22	25	27

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