

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), SS

Academic Year 2026-2027

Program Description:

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program at Mountwest Community and Technical College prepares students with the knowledge, skills and professional behaviors necessary to provide safe and effective basic patient care under the supervision of licensed nursing staff. Through a combination of classroom instruction, laboratory practice, and supervised clinical experience, students learn to assist patients with activities of daily living, measure and record vital signs, maintain infection control standards, communicate effectively with patients and healthcare teams, and ensure patient comfort and dignity in a variety of healthcare settings.

This comprehensive program follows the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) regulations established by the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification (PHFLAC). Upon successful completion, students are eligible to sit for the West Virginia Nurse Aide Competency Examination, which includes both written/oral and clinical components. Passing this examination qualifies students for placement on the West Virginia Nurse Aide Registry, allowing them to work as Certified Nursing Assistants in hospitals, long-term care facilities, assisted living centers, home health agencies, and Hospice programs. The CNA program provides an excellent foundation for individuals seeking immediate employment in healthcare or planning to pursue advanced training in nursing or allied health fields.

Program Outcomes:

- Provide basic nursing assistant care to patients/residents
- Perform comfort and personal care measures
- Provide basic emotional, physical, psychological, and spiritual support to patient/residents
- Cooperate with the healthcare team members to coordinate delivery of care and seek guidance when necessary
- Competently perform activities of daily living (ADL's), such as bathing, feeding, and mobility assistance
- Exhibit professional conduct, appearance, and ethical behavior when providing care
- Perform procedures with regard to the principles of infection control
- Identify and perform infection control measures
- Perform basic emergency for all aged patients/residents
- Demonstrate procedures in a safe therapeutic manner in the health care setting to meet federal/state mandates
- Recognize the basics of home care, home health care, independent living, assisted living care, and long-term care
- Complete a total of 120 hours of the program and have their skills checkoff list complete

Career Outlook and Salary Forecast:

For the most current information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Occupational Outlook Handbook" found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

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Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Skill Set—Major Code SS51

Name: _____ **ID Number 942-** _____

Educational Counselor: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
CNA 200	Fundamentals of Nursing Assistant Care		5				
CNA 205	Nursing Assistant Practicum		5				
			10				

HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 10