The nurse aide occupational endorsement provides education and training to students in theory and basic nursing skills necessary to become efficient and productive health care team members. This program prepares students to function as direct care members of the health care and nursing teams, providing direct care to persons of all ages in a wide variety of settings. Course content includes the nursing process, basic body structure and function, supporting healthy functioning in all age groups, as well as working with persons who experience a wide array of physical and mental disorders. There is a focus on safety and infection control, as well as professionalism and communication.

Students who successfully complete the program will be prepared to sit for the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program, a National Council State Board of Nursing examination. Graduates of this program work in a wide variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, home health care, long term care and assisted living. Indeed the demand for nurses remains high, and employers often support nurse aides who wish to continue their nursing education and become RNs.
CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE

COURSES INCLUDE

- Nurse Aide Training or
- Personal Care Attendant Training and Personal Care Attendant to Nursing Assistant Bridge

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This one-semester training is approved by the Alaska Board of Nursing and meets the education requirements to take the State of Alaska administered certified nurse aide exam. Training involves lecture and clinical skills practice in classrooms and laboratories at the UAF Community & Technical College. There is also a 48 hour clinical practicum component at a long term care center and assisted living home, or in a hospital setting, giving direct care to persons with a variety of diseases and disabilities. All clinical experiences happen in groups of 10 students or less, and are led by experienced licensed nurses. There is recognition of the value of nurse aide education and experience by nursing schools and by many other health related professional schools. Nurse aides develop the ability to meet the physical care needs of individuals, as well as the communication skills and confidence to work well with all kinds of people – the ideal foundation for any career in health care.

OTHER DETAILS

This program is open to those who can document a high school diploma or GED or have the instructor’s permission. Students must take the Accuplacer and score 65 or above. Students must also be in good physical condition (capable of repeatedly lifting 50 pounds), have the following immunizations: Hepatitis B series, two MMRs, two chickenpox vaccines (or titer to prove immunity to Hep B/MMR/chickenpox) and have a two-step PPD for tuberculosis within the past year, as well as a criminal background check before working in the clinical areas.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Review admission requirements with an advisor by calling 907-455-2823 or email uaf-ctc@alaska.edu
- Apply for admission to UAF: www.uaf.edu/admissions/
- Apply for financial aid: www.uaf.edu/finaid/ or call 907-455-2832
- Find classes & register: www.uaf.edu/coursefinder/
- Get your books & class materials organized - UAF Bookstore: www.uaf.bkstr.com
- Start your journey at UAF CTC!

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