

Certified Nursing Assistant Recertification

THE PROGRAM

This program satisfies the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) requirements for employment in long-term health care facilities, plus home health and acute care facilities. Information regarding admission may be obtained by contacting the program coordinator.

All students successfully completing the course must take and pass the “hands-on” skills and written, state approved, competency evaluation. With successful passing, the student’s name is placed on the nurse assistant state registry for employment. Illinois statute requires all new nurse aides to have a criminal fingerprint background check before their names can be added to the Nurse Aide Registry. This check is completed prior or during the course enrollment. All entering students are required to have a drug test and required immunizations for clinical. Further information is available through the BNA Coordinator.

REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students wanting to enroll in NUR 108 (0.5 credit hours) must meet the following criteria:

- Students must have undergone a 24 consecutive month lapse in CNA employment.
- Must be on the Illinois Department of Public Health’s registry.
- Must submit validation of immunizations.
- Two separate mantoux skin tests are to be performed and read. The second skin test must be given 7 days (but not more than 14 days) after initial test. The result of each test is to be read and documented. Documentation must accompany this form if yearly updates have been given since the 2-step was received.
- Provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella by immunization or laboratory screening. The MMR vaccinations must be at least 1 month apart.
- A DPH fingerprint background check issued from the Illinois State Police.
- Approval from the BNA Coordinator.
- *SEE “PROCEDURE” BELOW TO BEGIN RECERTIFICATION PROCESS.

PROCEDURE

1. Access the Nurse Aide Testing website, www.nurseaidetesting.com, fill out the on-line recertification form through the link in the “popular links” box. Call the phone number at the bottom of the form to complete the process.
2. SIU will email you information explaining the process, the Performance Skills booklet and an instruction sheet on how to use the online registration program.
3. If you have not attended Kishwaukee College within the last 2 years, or have never attended, you will need to submit an application to Kishwaukee College. You can do this online or in person.
4. Attend a CNA Recertification meeting. The schedule is available at <https://www.kish.edu/program/basic-nurse-assisting>.
5. Contact Donna Kayes, BNA Coordinator at 815-825-9464 or dkayes@kish.edu for further information.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students must apply for graduation in the Admissions Office by the semester’s deadline. No graduation fee is required. Following successful completion, students are prepared to work in nursing homes, assisted living, Hospice, hospitals, long-term care settings among other places.

REQUIRED COURSE

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Additional Sources of Information:

DEPARTMENT

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STUDENT SERVICES

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