

NURSING ASSISTANT

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 30-543-1

Total Credits: 2

The Nursing Assistant program at Mid-State provides hands-on learning that prepares students to assist in the care of patients in hospitals, extended care facilities, and home care situations. This 81-hour program includes campus lab experiences and a 27-hour clinical practicum working with patients and residents. Skills labs ensure students have opportunities to practice skills under the supervision of experienced professionals. Personal care and emotional support of patients are always primary considerations. Upon completion of the course, students may choose to take the state certification exam.

Mid-State's Nursing Assistant program prepares students to obtain state certification to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states.

To learn more about this program, visit mstc.edu/programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at mstc.edu/apply.
- Send official transcripts to:
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Set up student MyCampus account at mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance.
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at mstc.edu/advising.

mstc.edu • 888-575-6782 • TTY: 711



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CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

Begin at any point.

Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

High School Credit

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at mstc.edu/dc.

Technical Diploma

- Nursing Assistant (2 Credits)
Start Your Career: Caregiver, CBRF Caregiver, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Home Health Aide, Nursing Assistant

Bachelor's Degree

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

Other Options

Related Programs: Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist, Health & Wellness Promotion, Health Information Management, Medical Assistant, Medical Coder, Nursing, Phlebotomy Technician, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Sterile Processing Technician, Surgical Technology

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Nursing Assistant graduate, to be able to:

- Communicate effectively with clients, family, and co-workers.
- Protect rights of clients.
- Demonstrate ethical and legal responsibilities.
- Work cooperatively in a team environment.
- Provide holistic, safe care to diverse populations.
- Demonstrate reporting and documentation.
- Assist clients with rehabilitation and restorative care.
- Provide safe care for clients with acute and chronic health conditions.
- Complete educational requirements for the WI NA competency evaluation.

Note: Outcomes for the Nursing Assistant program are state and federally mandated.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Faculty will let students know when and how the Technical Skills Attainment (TSA) is being assessed in the program.

ACCREDITATION

The Mid-State Technical College Nursing Assistant program is accredited by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Bureau of Quality Assurance.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY CRITERIA

To apply to the Nursing Assistant program, please submit the following documents to Mid-State Admissions:

- GPA of 2.0 as a high school junior or above.
- Complete a Background Information Disclosure (BID) form and submit \$15 Caregiver Background check. The Wisconsin Caregiver Law requires a background check.
- Complete a new student orientation session.
- Must be at least 16 years of age.

After satisfactorily completing above steps, an Academic Advisor will reach out to schedule a Nursing Assistant New Student Advising Session.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A list of specific physical, emotional, and mental tasks needed to function as a nursing assistant is available at mstc.edu/programs/nursing-assistant. Contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator in the Student Services & Information Center to receive assistance.

CLINICAL-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Prior to placement at a clinical site, students need to pay for a criminal background check and provide documentation of required health work and immunization records.

Clinical sites have the right to refuse a student's placement based on inadequate health records, pending charges, or conviction records. Students with a criminal history may not be able to complete clinical courses. Mid-State will make two attempts to place a student in an appropriate clinical experience before the student is able to register for their preferred site. If Mid-State is unable to place the student after two attempts, the student will be unable to register for the Nursing Assistant course.

Prior to beginning a clinical experience in a health care facility, students must:

- a. Submit evidence of completed health work.
- b. Obtain the required uniform for clinical experiences.
- c. Accept responsibility for clinical assignment(s) regardless of time and location, including transportation and other personal arrangements.

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

In order to successfully complete the program, students must receive a "C" or better in the Nursing Assistant course 30543200.

CERTIFICATION

The Department of Health Services Bureau of Quality Assurance requires that students who successfully pass the Nursing Assistant program take a state certification exam to qualify them to be listed in the state and federal nurse aide registries. Information to apply for this certification exam will be provided to students during their Nursing Assistant course. Nursing assistants must be listed on the state and federal nurse aide registries to be eligible to work in Wisconsin. Appropriate proof of identity will be required by the certification testing agency.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Nursing Assistant program is a prerequisite for admission to the Nursing program.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Nursing Assistant • 2 Total Credits

Term 2 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	30543200	Nursing Assistant	No	2

Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit mstc.edu/cpl or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.
- Get the latest updates online at mstc.edu.

Nursing Assistant

30543200

2 credits

The Nursing Assistant program prepares students for employment as nursing assistants. The program also prepares Nursing Assistant students with some of the skills needed for the first semester of the Nursing program. During this 81-hour course, students are required to demonstrate the following skills under the supervision of a licensed nurse: communication, basic nursing assistant and personal care skills, attention to clients' rights, and care of clients with dementias. The program is recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as a nurse-aide training program. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Wisconsin Nursing Assistant competency evaluation for employment in nursing homes, hospitals, home health agencies, hospices, CBRFs, assisted living centers, and homes for developmentally disabled individuals.

Prerequisite: Admission to Nursing Assistant program 305431 and Nursing Assistant Checklist within last 3 months