

## Nursing Assistant

**Industry Certification:** Licensed Nursing Assistant

<http://www.azbn.gov/licensure-certification/licensed-nursing-assistant/>

After more than 20 years regulating Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), the Arizona State Board of Nursing (Board) is converting to two levels of nursing assistant:

- **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA):** a person who passes an approved CNA course and the state manual skills/written exams and whose name is placed on the CNA registry. Any substantiated allegations of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property/theft will be reported to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and will be listed on the registry.
- **Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA):** a person who meets CNA educational and exam requirements and, in addition, submits an application, fingerprints and fees to the Board. The LNA is regulated by the Board which has broader jurisdiction for any act of unprofessional conduct.

### Rationale for CNA and LNA Change

After more than 20 years regulating Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), the Arizona State Board of Nursing (Board) is moving to two levels of nursing assistant: CNA and LNA. Current regulation of CNAs, which includes criminal background checks and full Board jurisdiction for all unprofessional conduct, cannot be maintained without either charging the CNA, which is prohibited by federal law, or using the fees paid by RNs and LPNs for their licenses. In 2014 the legislature required the Board of Nursing to propose a self-sustaining model for regulation of nursing assistants. The model which was passed into law in 2014, calls for two levels of nursing assistant (CNA and LNA). The requirements for LNA are identical to the current requirements for CNA with one additional requirement: the payment of fees for licensure (\$50.00, initial fingerprinting \$50.00 and renewal \$50). The requirements for the new CNA are the minimum required by federal law to be listed on a Nurse Aide Registry and, consistent with federal law, do not include fees for initial placement or renewal on the Registry.

**Gila Community College in cooperation with Eastern Arizona College certification:**

**NURSING ASSISTANT**

Certificate of Proficiency

30706

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This program prepares you for an entry-level position as a nursing assistant.

Emphasis is

on basic patient care skills, based on the knowledge of universal precautions, asepsis, basic

human needs, body mechanics, treatments and procedures, patient admission, transfer,

discharge, and eldercare.

NOTE: Students are eligible to sit for the Arizona State Board of Nursing Certified Nursing

Assistant (CNA) Examination upon completion of the NUR 100, Nursing Assistant course.

The Board of Nursing may not consider applications for certification as a Certified Nursing

Assistant if the applicant has any felony convictions and has not received an absolute

discharge from the sentence(s) for all felony convictions. The absolute discharge must be

received five or more years before the Board of Nursing processes the application. The

Arizona State Board of Nursing requirements for certification also include proof of legal

presence in the United States and disclosure of any felony conviction(s).

Current Arizona Nursing Assistant Certification is an admission requirement to EAC's Nursing

program.

Courses in the program may require vaccinations or other medical tests. See course descriptions for additional information. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours in a skilled nursing facility.

#### Curriculum Requirements

HCE 100 Basic Health Care Concepts and Skills 4 credits

HCE 101 Basic Life Support OR

EMT 122 First Aid and CPR 2 credits

HCE 112 Medical Terminology 2 credits

HCE 114 Math for Medications OR

HCE 116 Medical Dosage Calculations 2 credits

NUR 100 Nursing Assistant 6 credits

Total Minimum Certificate Requirements 16 credits

In order to obtain this certificate you must:

- Complete each required course above with a grade of “C” or better.
- File a petition for certificate through your Gila Hank Online account.
- Remove any indebtedness to the College.
- Complete at least 8 credits at Eastern Arizona College.

You must also complete an academic requirement by one of the following methods:

- Completion of ENG 100, Writing Fundamentals, or higher with a grade of “C” or better.
- EAC equivalent writing placement score of 70 or higher entered into your student record.
- Completion of BUS 111, Business Mathematical Calculations, with a grade of “C” or better.
- Completion of MAT 100, Applied Mathematics, or higher with a grade of “C” or better.
- EAC equivalent mathematics placement score of 41 or higher entered into your student record.

Gainful Employment Disclosure. The following link provides valuable information

regarding this certificate program such as the total length of the program, the percentage of students who graduate on time, the total cost of the program, student loan data and other valuable data. Please review this information so that you make an informed decision

regarding your education at EAC.

[http://www.eac.edu/Student\\_Services/Financial\\_Aid](http://www.eac.edu/Student_Services/Financial_Aid)