



**NURSE ASSISTANT COURSE (NURS 1510 AND 1511)  
Online Theory \* Hands-On Lab \* Long-Term Care Facility Clinical  
2017-2018**

**Course Description**

This course prepares a person to work as a nursing assistant. The course presents basic nursing assistant principles and skills with an emphasis on care of the elderly client. Opportunities are provided for practice and demonstration of skills in the laboratory related to client care. Students will participate in clinical experience at health care agencies. Satisfactory completion of the course entitles the student to take a competency exam to become certified in the state of Wyoming.

**Clinical Requirements**

Required: An annual TB skin test, a Tdap vaccine, and a MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine or proof of immunity **must** be completed prior to the course. Students must be Health Care Provider CPR (American Heart Association) or AED for Professional Rescuer (American Red Cross) certified **prior** to the course.

Vaccine and testing can be obtained at the Community Nursing office in Rock Springs (307) 922-5390 or in Green River (307) 872-6320. CPR classes are offered at a variety of locations in the community and at the college. Contact the Western Wyoming Community College Green River Center, Workforce Development (307) 872-1326 for information about the next Health Care Provider class.

**Job Opportunities**

Certified nursing assistants are employed by long-term care facilities (nursing homes), hospitals, some doctors' offices, and home health agencies. Starting salaries vary from \$8.50—\$11.50 per hour, depending on the facility or agency.

<b>Cost of Course:</b>	
Tuition (In-State):	\$ Varies (4 credits, \$123.50-\$125.25 per credit hour)
Lab Fee:	36.00
Required Course Software:	110.00
Internet Course Fee:	35.00 (estimate)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ Varies</b>

Uniforms must be white tops and black pants and look like a uniform. Scrubs are acceptable; black jeans and white t-shirts are not. Shoes must be all white or all black without colored decals or symbols. A wrist watch with a second hand is needed.

Completion of this course allows for certification testing. Fees for testing are as follows:

- American Red Cross: \$98.00
- Wyoming State Board of Nursing (includes background check): \$120.00
  - ◊ If you pay by Visa, MasterCard, or Discover, WSBN will charge a processing fee of \$5.00.

**(Fees are subject to change)**

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## Licensure Decisions

It is the sole responsibility of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) to determine if a person is eligible for licensure. If any of the following scenarios apply to you, you will be required to supply additional information to the WSBN and possibly be denied a license.

1. Disciplinary action taken by a licensing (nursing or regulatory) agency
2. Denied a nursing license
3. Investigated for charges of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property
4. History of a physical or mental disability which may make you unable to practice nursing or perform duties with reasonable skill and safety
5. Drug or alcohol abuse
6. Terminated from a job for use of alcohol or any controlled substance
7. Arrested for an alcohol or drug related offense
8. Convicted, pled guilty or not guilty, or have charges pending for any crime including felonies, misdemeanors, and municipal ordinances, including military violations and driving under the influence

***(Students who are unsure of their standing may call the course instructor for clarification.)***

There are other crimes that may prevent a student from earning a certificate or license, even though they completed the program. See the following statement from the Wyoming State Board of Nursing.

## Wyoming State Board of Nursing

The following history information must be reported in writing to the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) when submitting an application for Nursing Assistant certification, or Practical Nurse or Professional Nurse licensure: all charges, arrests, citations or convictions for any criminal offense including DUIs and felonies even if pardoned, expunged, dismissed or deferred. WSBN also requires notification of admission to a facility for treatment for drug/alcohol abuse within the last 10 years. The WSBN requires an official background check of all applicants. Applicants will not be denied the opportunity to take the competency examination for Nursing Assistants, Practical Nurses or Professional Nurses; however, the WSBN may deny certification or licensure based on history revealed through the background check and history information.

## Helpful documents from the WSBN

◆ <https://nursing-online.state.wy.us/Resources/Application%20Process.pdf>

◆ <https://nursing-online.state.wy.us/Resources/ARC%20DECISION%20MATRIX%20%28April%202013%29%20%281%29.pdf>