

Geriatric Care Assistant Certificate Program GC51

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Curriculum

Program-Specific Core – Total of 15 Hours

- ALHS 1060 *Diet & Nutrition for ALHS* (2)
- ALHS 1090 *Medical Terminology* (2)
- GERT 1000 *Understanding Geriatric Client* (2)
- GERT 1020 *Behavioral Aspects of Aging* (2)
- GERT 1030 *Gerontological Nutrition* (1)
- NAST 1100 *Nurse Aid Fundamentals* (6)

Total: 15 Hours

Program Description

The Geriatric Care Assistant technical certificate of credit provides the basic knowledge and skills needed to qualify employment as a nurse aide in nursing homes, elder personal care homes, and home healthcare agencies. The certificate emphasizes geriatric patient care, CPR, and first aid. Students successfully completing the certificate are eligible to be placed on the State Registry for nurse aides.

Program Specific Information

Students are accepted each semester based on space and course availability.

Physical Requirements: This job requires good physical and mental health. Physical activities may include lifting, rotating, and assisting residents who are partially or totally dependent for moving about. Other physical requirements of the Geriatric Care Assistant include stooping, bending, standing, and walking most of an eight hour shift. The Geriatric Care Assistant must be willing and able to work a flexible shift.

Program Length & Availability

1 Semester

Campus Availability: Oakwood, Jackson

Admissions Requirements

- Must be 16 years of age.
- High school diploma or GED is required prior to admission.
(Official transcripts or GED scores must be submitted from all colleges and/or high schools attended for credit.)
- ACCUPLACER Testing, or submit SAT, ACT, CPE, COMPASS, or ASSET test scores.

Financial Aid

This program is not eligible for the Pell Grant, but may be eligible for Institutional and State Financial Aid. Contact a Financial Aid Counselor for eligibility requirements and application materials.

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