

# **BASIC NURSE AIDE MEDICATION AIDE** *courses*

The basic nurse aide and medication aide programs train students in the knowledge and skills necessary to administer responsible health care to the ill and aged in nursing facilities, long-term care facilities, and assisted care facilities under qualified supervision.

## **Course Descriptions**

Nurse Aide (NURA 1110 - 3.0 credit hours)— This course is designed to meet the Nebraska Health and Human Services System training requirements for nurse aide certification and employment in long-term care facilities. This course combines classroom lecture and laboratory application for the development of basic skills needed to provide safe, effective, and caring services to the elderly or chronically ill patient of any age, in a long-term care facility. Upon completion of this course, the student is eligible to take the state written and practical skills exam. After successfully passing this examination and completing the application procedure, the students name will be placed on the basic nurse aide registry at the Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, Credentialing Division. (30/45/0/0)

Medication Aide (HLTH 1120 - 3.0 credit hours) — This course is designed to prepare the student to assume the role and responsibilities of a Medication Aide working in a nursing facility. This course includes information regarding medication administration, pharmacology rules and regulations, classification of drugs, orders, storage, abbreviations, and an overview of commonly used drugs and documentation. (45/0/0/0)

## BASIC NURSE AIDE AND MEDICATION AIDE

As the general population ages, many nursing assistants and orderlies will be needed to care for elderly patients in long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes.

Job prospects for nursing assistants who have completed a state-approved education program and passed their state's competency exam should be good, particularly in-home health care services and community-based care settings.

Most nursing assistants and orderlies work full-time. Flexible work shifts as nursing homes and hospitals provide care at all hours. Duties may include:

- Help patients use the toilet and dress
- Listen to and record patients' health concerns and report that information to nurses
- Measure patients' vital signs, such as blood pressure and temperature
- Serve meals and help patients eat

Some programs like Project HELP (Health Education Laddering Program) and Community College GAP Assistance Program for students meeting income guidelines may be available for eligible students. For more information on Project HELP, call 402.844.7460 or for GAP Assistance Program, call 402.844.7245.



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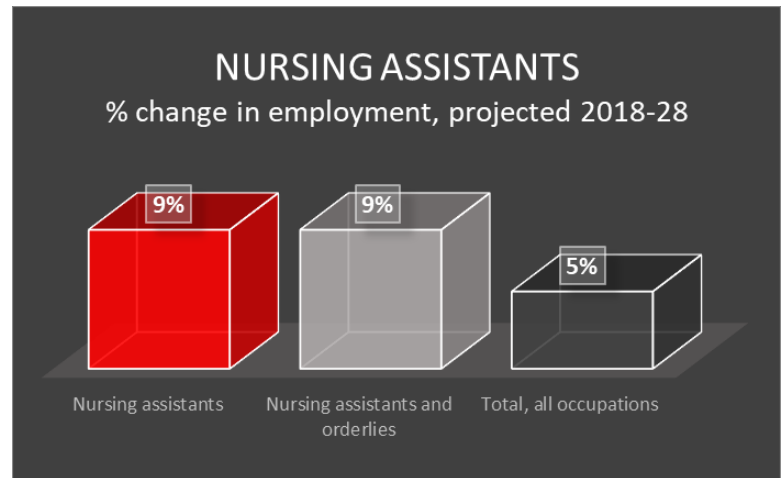
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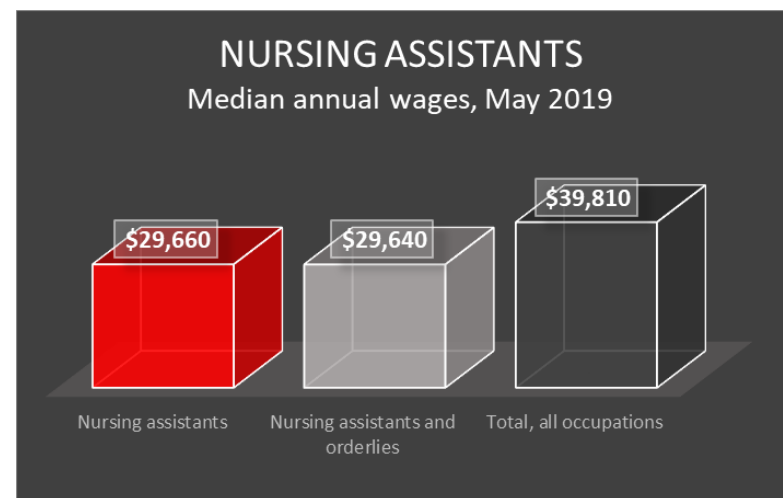
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*Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.*

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**TUITION:** Estimated tuition and fees for each of these courses is \$375.