

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION

Areas of Study

Certificated Nursing Assistant

Dental Assisting

Technical Certificate

Medical Assistant

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Practical Nursing

Advanced Technical Certificate

Registered Nursing

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Surgical Technology

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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Workplace research shows that one of the most rapidly growing areas of employment is health care. EITC's Health Professions Division is a combined group of programs consisting of Certificated Nursing Assistant, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Practical Nursing, Registered Nursing and Surgical Technology. These programs provide students with the knowledge and skills that enable them to join other professionals in this expanding career field. Students may take some courses in the Health Professions Division prior to declaring a major field of study.

Students are subject to the policies of the program they select. They will be given a policies and procedures manual at the beginning of the professional portion of the program and will be required to sign a document of understanding.

A criminal background check is required to meet clinical practicum site requirements. History of a misdemeanor or felony involving moral turpitude may render the student not eligible or they may experience difficulty becoming licensed, certified, or registered and in finding employment in health care. It is recommended that prior to enrollment the applicant contact the appropriate state and/or national regulatory agency.

All Health Professions Division students, regardless of program, must provide the following information prior to being accepted in the professional courses:

1. Documentation of the following current immunizations is required:
 - Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT)
 - Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) or two vaccinations or Measles and Rubella
 - Hepatitis B series (completed)
 - Polio
 - Proof of Varicella vaccination or titer result.
2. Proof of an annual TB skin test
3. Documentation of health insurance

CERTIFICATED NURSING ASSISTANT

Length of Course

One semester

The CNA program curriculum follows the state and federal requirements for nursing assistants. It is designed to provide behavioral learning objectives for learners on basic competencies. It contains didactic classroom objectives and skills objectives in a lab setting. In addition to the classroom and lab hours, 32 hours of clinical experience completed in skilled nursing facilities in the region are required. The clinical portion of the course must be successfully completed during the same term as the lecture/lab and will typically be offered on Saturdays and Thursdays, pending availability of approved facilities. Students will confirm their clinical assignments during the first two weeks of the term. Lecture/lab cannot be missed in order to attend a clinical assignment. Successful completion of the course requires a minimum of 80% on tests and classroom objectives and 100% on lab and clinical objectives. After passing the class, students are eligible (for a fee) to test for the state skills exam and then the state written exam. You have six months after passing the class to pass the skills exam and another six months to pass the written exam. If you don't pass both exams within that time frame you are required to retake the course before being allowed to sit for either of the state exams.

Entrance Requirements

This course can be taken for credit or as a non-credit class. The credit course will typically span the entire term, whereas the non-credit course often is delivered over a shorter time frame, which means more hours per week, but fewer weeks to completion. For either course you must be at least 16 years of age in order to be eligible to register. In addition, please be aware that most facilities will not hire until age 18. Note that all tattoos must be covered and only one set of earrings in each ear may be worn. No other visible piercing will be allowed in class or clinical.

By the second day of class you will need to provide proof of:

- A current Health Care Provider CPR card
- The first in the series of Hepatitis B vaccine
- A current negative TB (tuberculosis) skin test. If your results are positive, you must provide proof of a negative chest x-ray within the last 12 months.
- Background check is required – more information will be given on the first day of class.

You will need your own stethoscope and blood pressure kit. You will also be required to wear scrubs and sturdy shoes with heel and toe intact to the clinical rotations.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Discuss and understand the roles and responsibilities of the nursing assist in Idaho.
2. Demonstrate basic competencies required of nursing assistants in the state of Idaho.
3. Demonstrate the knowledge required to pass the required Idaho state manual skills and written exam.