HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PROGRAMS:

Nurse Assistant

Phlebotomy

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Program Description
The Nurse Assistant course trains students to work in long term care facilities, home health care, and hospital settings, and to continue in nursing or allied health education. The curriculum includes classroom, lab, and clinical learning experiences. Students who successfully (Grade C or higher) complete the course are eligible to take the Utah State Nurse Assistant certification exam.

The Phlebotomy course provides training for students to become proficient in drawing and obtaining blood and other samples for laboratory analysis. At the conclusion of the course, the student will be able to obtain blood from a vein or capillary using various methods.

Students must submit documentation of criminal background check, immunization status, 5-panel drug screen, and CPR certification to the advisor prior to registering for the course.

Course Prefixes
- HLOC
- NURS 1005 - 1007
- PHLB

Degrees & Certificates
- Nurse Assistant Certificate
- Phlebotomy Certificate

CAREER INFORMATION - Nurse Assistant

Career Opportunities*
More than half of the 1.5 million nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants in the U.S. work in residential care facilities / nursing homes. Almost 20% work in hospitals, and the remainder are employed either in home health or hiring / training other nurse assistant. The job of a nurse assistant can be both physically and emotionally demanding but can offer personally fulfillment. Working as a nurse assistant is an excellent introduction to the field of health care for individuals considering pursuing an education to become a registered nurse or other health care provider. In Utah, nurse assistants must be licensed by the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, a process that includes passing both a skills test and a written exam.

Job Outlook*
Employment of nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants is expected to grow 20% between 2010 and 2020, which is faster than the average for all occupations, but increases are linked to government funding for Medicare and other agencies upon which long-term care facilities depend. The growth is due to the increasing number of elderly Americans.

Salary Range*
The median annual wage for full time nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants is $24,000, and many part-time employment opportunities exist.

*From the Occupational Outlook Handbook

Nurse Assistant Certificate
4 credits

Discipline Core Requirements
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Completion Requirements
- Grade C or higher in NURS 1005/1007 required to pass course and take state certification exam.

NOTE: State certification required to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).
CAREER INFORMATION - Phlebotomist

Career Opportunities / Job Outlook
Phlebotomists work in hospitals, laboratories, clinics, blood banks, and doctor’s offices. Opportunities for phlebotomists are expected to grow in accordance with the growth in health care due to an increasing number of elderly Americans. Current health provider CPR certification is often required for employment.

Salary Range
The median annual salary for phlebotomists is $30,247, although that varies by region and type of employment (hospital, private clinic, physician’s office, or reference lab).

Phlebotomy Certificate
4 credits

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Completion Requirements
- Grade C or higher in PHLB 1000 required.