## **NURSE AIDE**

## **Program Description**

The Nurse Aide certificate program provides the student with entry-level skills required for employment as a nurse aide in a long-term care facility, an acute care facility, or a home health care agency. The special needs of the geriatric population are emphasized. Students who successfully complete this certificate qualify to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program Examination (NNAAP) in order to become certified and placed on the Colorado Nurse Aide Registry.

Instruction includes basic nursing skills, personal care skills, care of cognitively impaired clients, skills that meet the psycho-social and mental health needs of clients, and basic restorative services. Students gain an understanding of professional communication and interpersonal skills in healthcare, infection control, safety, and emergency procedures, promoting clients' independence, and respecting clients' rights. A minimum of 92 hours of training is required.

Students admitted to the Nurse Aide program must undergo a background check, submit proof of immunizations, and obtain professional liability insurance.

## **Contact Information**

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## Programs of Study Certificates

· Nurse Aide (Technical Certificate)