



HealthCare Assistant

Program Information and Application

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Nursing Assistant one-semester program prepares the individual to provide direct basic nursing care to clients/residents/patients in prescribed settings under the supervision of a licensed nurse. Inclusive in the nursing assistant title are: Homemaker, Home Health Aide, and Nursing Assistant.

Graduates of the one-semester program will be awarded a completion certificate and may apply for certification by taking and passing the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) Examination.

A minimum grade of 75 percent is required in each course. Students who do not maintain this grade in each course are dismissed from the program.

PHILOSOPHY

It is the right of every individual to expect and receive the highest quality of health care. Health care should be delivered by those who are adequately trained and duly certified to provide the care.

The Nursing Assistant acquires the necessary knowledge and skills through a planned and structured educational program. The program should provide a balance between theory and supervised clinical practice. The completers of a Nursing Assistant program should possess the competencies necessary to provide safe care within their role.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES IF ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM

In addition to regular college admission requirements, the minimum admission criteria for the Nurse Assistant program are as follows:

1. Students must have a high school diploma, or GED certificate or concurrently be enrolled in GED classes.
2. The applicant must be 18 years or older.
3. The applicant must have an ACT score of 14 or above. Students may also take the Accuplacer test.
4. The applicant must submit an application for admission to the Healthcare Assistant Program.
5. Completion of SMCC Admission requirements.

AFTER ADMISSION & PRIOR TO CLINICALS REQUIREMENTS:

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- Drug screen (\$80.00 at Stat Care)
- Completed Health Examination Form
- Fingerprinting and official background check at the cost of \$50.00 to the student.
- **There are convictions that will prevent an individual being eligible to participate in clinical experiences. If a student is unable to participate in clinical experiences, the student will be dismissed from the HCA Program.**
- Mississippi Law now requires healthcare professionals or Career Technical Education students enrolled in programs whose primary purpose is to prepare professionals to render patient care services, submit to criminal background checks, and fingerprinting prior to beginning any clinical rotation in a licensed healthcare entity. If such fingerprinting or criminal background checks of the student discloses a felony conviction, guilty plea or pleas of nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-31-3 (l), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust, aggravated assault or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult which has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the student shall not be admitted to such health program of study or will not be eligible to participate in clinical training in a licensed entity. The student’s eligibility to participate in the clinical training phases of their healthcare program shall be voided if the student receives a disqualifying criminal record check; therefore, the student will be dismissed from the nursing assistant program.
- Fees and Expenses are available on the website.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

A minimum grade of 75 percent is required in each course. Students who do not maintain this grade in each course are dismissed from the program.

First Semester	Semester Hours
HCA 1116 Basic Health Care Assisting	6
HCA 1124 Special Care Procedures	4
HCA 1214 Body Structure and Function.....	4
HCA 1312 Home Health Aide and Homemaker Services	2
Total Hours	16

******Course with a laboratory/clinical component requires a passing grade in the theory component and the laboratory/clinical component to pass the course. If a passing grade is not maintained in the theory or lab/clinical, an “F” will be received in both components.***

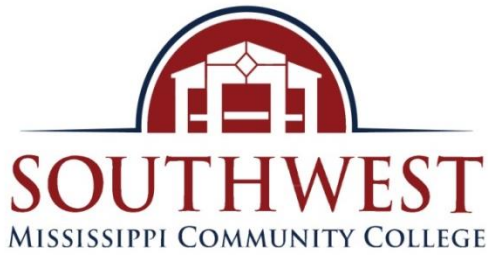
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Admission Policy

1. The HCA admits class in the spring and fall each year.
2. Applications are reviewed for accuracy and to verify if applicant meets the minimal admission criteria.
3. The applicant's name will be placed on the waiting list after all criteria are met.
4. The following items must be completed and submitted for consideration of application:
 - a. Application for Admission to Southwest Mississippi Community College
Return to: SMCC Office of Admissions. Application is available on the SMCC website at www.smcc.edu or it may be picked up at the Office of Admissions.
 - b. Application to the Health Care Assistant Program, ACT or Accuplacer.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all material has been received.
6. Invalid or incomplete application will not be returned or considered.
7. Falsification of information on this application will result in denial of admission or dismissal from program
8. Only applicants with a completed application packet will be considered for admission.
9. The completion of application is not a guarantee of admission.
10. Priority admission to the Health Care Assistant Program will be granted to applicants who are SMCC students at the time of pre-scheduling and complete with all requirements.
11. Students seeking readmission to the program will be considered on an individual basis.

Instructions for Completing Application

1. Complete the application (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) and return to :
Henry Lewis Nursing Education Center
1156 College Drive
Summit, MS 39666
2. Return all required paperwork (Application, ACT or Accuplacer scores) to the Henry Lewis Nursing Education Center.



Healthcare Assistant Program Application

Date: _____ Student ID# _____ Email address _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

Mailing address _____

City

Zip Code

Home phone

Cell phone

Other

Are you currently enrolled in another school? Yes No

If yes:

Where _____ Major _____

Have you ever been enrolled in a Nursing Assistant Program? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes:

Where _____ What was the reason for not completing programs: _____

****If the answer to any of the questions below is "yes", you must schedule an appointment with the Associate Vice President for Nursing before the application will be reviewed for admission.***

*Have you ever been convicted of or have charges pending against you for a felony or misdemeanor in any state/jurisdiction? ___ yes ___ no

*Have you ever been disciplined by any state, federal regulatory agency, or national certifying agency? ___ yes ___ no

*Are any charges pending against you in any state/jurisdiction? ___ yes ___ no

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