

**Davidson County Community College**  
**Nursing Assistant I (NAI) Continuing Education Fall 2012**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Course Description** - Nursing Assistant training is an extensive state approved course that includes instruction in both classroom theory and supervised clinical experience. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be eligible to register to take North Carolina's state skills/written competency evaluation through Pearsonvue. Conviction of certain crimes under the law may prevent a student from obtaining clinical training and/or employment.

**How do I enroll in this program?** – Complete an orientation session on either campus. Dates, times and locations are listed below.

**Orientation Schedule for Fall 2012 Nursing Assistant I Continuing Education Classes**

Semester	Orientation*	~ Class start
Fall	<u>Davidson</u>	August 2012
	5/21 5:30-8:00 Public Safety 106	
	6/1 9:30-12:00 Public Safety 101	
	6/11 5:30-8:00 Public Safety 102	
	6/15 9:30-12:00 Public Safety 101	
	<u>Davie</u>	
	5/25 9:30-12:00 Davie Community Building Rm. 200	
	6/6 5:30-8:00 Davie Community Building Rm. 200	

\* Orientations are the same for both campuses

**How do I register for Orientation?** Registration is not required to attend an orientation session. Attendance at Orientation is required to be eligible to register for NAI class. You may not be allowed to attend if you are late for the session. Morning session begins at 9:30am, and evening sessions begin at 5:30pm.

**What do I bring to Orientation?** Bring paper, pen and pencil as well as reading glasses (if required), to the Orientation. If you have taken a college placement test for reading within the last three years or have taken a college level English, bring a copy to leave of your score or transcript to the Orientation. If you do not have placement scores or have not taken a college level English, schedule an appointment on the Davidson campus at <http://www.davidsonccc.edu/admissions/schedule.htm> or on the Davie campus at 336.751.2885 to take the Accuplacer reading assessment. You **must** bring proof of the required scores to Orientation to be eligible to enroll in the NAI course. If you do not bring proof, you will be counted for having attended the Orientation but will not be put on the eligible list until you submit proof of the required scores to either Christie Comer, Michel Jarrell, or Diane Hedgecock.

**When do I register for NAI continuing education class?** At Orientation students will learn about the registration process. Once you complete the Orientation session and meet entry criteria for the class, interested students will be given class schedules and will be eligible to register on a first come, first serve basis. Thus, students attending an earlier orientation session have more class offerings from which to choose their course compared to students who attend a later session. Payment for the course is due upon registration (~\$224).

**What do Nursing Assistants do?** Nursing Assistants provide direct care for residents and/or patients in a variety of settings including hospitals, long-term care facilities, assisted living, and home health. Shifts vary for each facility.

**What will I learn in class?** In this application based course, students learn the basic skills used to provide care including vital signs, feeding, grooming, etc. The **Course Content includes** - Communication, Infection Control, Safety and Emergency Procedures, Personal Care and Grooming, Legal and Ethical Issues, Personal Care and Basic Nursing Skills, Restorative Care, Use of Restraints, Mental Health and Social Needs.

**When is the class offered?**

**Davidson Hybrid NAI program** – Online assignments are posted weekly. Students will also meet at the Davidson campus for some classes and all labs. Clinical hours are offered 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the weekends. Note: Fall classes will be offered in the new Moodle format.

1 evening hybrid class      Classroom/Lab hours – 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 (1 night per week) and Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
 Clinical hours are offered 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the weekends

**DAVIDSON CAMPUS** – Typically, two classes are offered for Summer, Spring and Fall semesters on the Davidson campus. Classes are typically 2 or 3 days per week with clinical starting about 5 weeks into the class.

1 daytime class      Classroom/Lab hours - between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. (3 days per week usually in 3 or 4 hour blocks). Clinical hours - from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. during the week  
 1 evening class      Classroom/Lab hours - 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (2 nights per week) and Saturday classes 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Clinical hours are offered 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the weekends

**DAVIE CAMPUS** – Typically, one class is offered on the Davie campus each semester.

1 evening class      Classroom/Lab hours - 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (3 nights per week plus some Saturday classes). Clinical hours are offered 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the weekends

**How much does this course cost?**

Registration Fee	\$175.00
Technology Fee	\$5.00
DVD Series	\$32.03
Accident & Liability Insurance	\$9.25
<u>CPR Certification Card</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>
<b>Due upon Registration</b>	<b>\$223.78</b>

<b>Textbook/Miscellaneous</b>	
Kit *	\$5.00
CPR Textbook *	\$17.00
Student Packet *	\$19.75
Textbook *	\$48.88
Blood Pressure Cuff & Stethoscope Kit *	\$50.72
<u>State Exam</u>	<u>\$101.00</u>
<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>\$242.35</b>

**Total Cost \*\***      **\$466.13**

**\*\*Other Required Costs (vary):**

Background Check & 12 Panel Urine Drug Screen – varies by student. Specific instructions on completing this process will be provided at Orientation.  
 Uniforms; Immunizations or titers.

**Other Supplies:** Watch with a second hand, various personal care supplies (towels, washcloths, etc.), CPR mask \* (optional).

\*\*All costs are approximate and are subject to change.

\*Available at Bookstore on Davidson Campus or at Business Office on Davie Campus

**What is the difference between Nursing Assistant I (NAI), Nurse Aide I and Certified Nursing Assistant I (C.N.A.)?** All are the same. (C.N.A. is a term still used by many employers. However, the term we use is NAI. C.N.A. stands for Certified Nursing Assistant implying certification or licensure. Nursing Assistants work under the supervision of the licensed registered nurse (RN) thus NA's do not hold a license. Nursing Assistants are listed in North Carolina on the Nurse Aide I Registry upon successful completion of a state competency evaluation.

**Is a high school diploma or GED required to enroll in this course?** No. However, some employers do require a high school diploma or GED for employment.

**What will I need for the first class?** Bring copies of two government issued signature bearing IDs, with names matching, one of which must be US government issued ID and one of which must be a picture ID (if available). Laminated social security cards will not be accepted. Also, please make sure to bring complete immunization records to the first class.

**What immunizations are required for this course?** Students must show proof of updated immunizations including: a tetanus booster (within past 10 years), 2-step ppd (2-TB Skin tests completed within 1-3 weeks), 2 MMRs or titers, chicken pox immunization or titer, Hepatitis B vaccine, and current seasonal flu vaccine. **Complete immunization records are due on the first day of class or before. We do encourage students to submit these records PRIOR to the first day to confirm that they are complete.**

**Where do I find childhood immunization records?** Your last school attended, your Pediatrician, or the Health Department are good contacts.

**If I have been convicted of a crime, can I still take this course?** Yes. The College does not deny you the opportunity to take the class; however, the clinical site may or may not allow you to complete clinical training based on criminal background check and urine drug screen results. Once a student is denied clinical at a facility, you are unable to complete clinical training. Thus, you would not be able to successfully complete this course. A criminal background check and 12 panel urine drug screen are required of students by clinical agencies once students are eligible for program entry. Specific instructions on completing this process will be provided at Orientation. **Criminal background checks and 12 panel urine drug screens are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class.**

**How long is the course?** The NAI continuing education course is a 158-hour continuing education course offered through the School of Health, Wellness & Public Safety. The course typically lasts approximately 16 weeks depending on holidays and College calendar (Summer session may be shorter in length).

116 hours of classroom and on-campus lab  
42 hours of clinical

**Do I need CPR certification?** No, CPR is part of the required 158 hours of training. Even if you currently have certification, you would still be required to attend the CPR training in the schedule.

**What is clinical training?** Students go to a facility with an instructor to practice the skills learned in the on-campus lab. Clinical begins about 5 weeks after the start of class.

**What facilities are utilized for clinical training?** Clinical sites for both campuses include Lexington Medical Center, Thomasville Medical Center, High Point Regional Health System, Bermuda Village Healthcare, Pine Ridge Health and Rehabilitation Center, Westchester Manor, Piedmont Crossing, Autumn Care, Bermuda Village and Alston Brook.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** - As a nursing assistant you will be able to work in long-term care (nursing homes), rest homes, and hospitals, assisted living, private sitting and home health. Pay varies: \$7.50-11 per hour with shift differential.

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