



Continuing Education and Customized Training

Nursing Assistant FAQ

What are my options for taking a Nursing Assistant course at Century College?

Century College provides two options for students who are looking to enroll in a Nursing Assistant course. Students may enroll in a NA course for credit or non-credit.

The non-credit courses are offered through Continuing Education/Customized Training (CE/CT).

The credit course is offered through Academic Affairs and is located in the Century College catalog under HSCI 1001.

If you take the NA course through CE/CT for non-credit, you are unable to change to credit or petition for credit in the future.

What is the difference between the credit and non-credit offering?

Select Nursing Assistant courses are offered concurrently. The instruction, curriculum and expectations are the same for both. Attendance is mandatory. Background studies must be cleared through the DHS prior to providing direct patient care in clinical.

Students may choose to take the NA course for credit to utilize financial aid resources or to earn college credit. There are limited offerings for credit each semester. HSCI 1001 is not a general education (MnTC) course, so it does not apply to a degree. Successful completion of either the credit or non-credit NA courses are accepted as the prerequisite to the Nursing Program and provide eligibility for employment.

Credit Registration – If you are not already a student at Century you must apply to the general college and pay a \$20 registration fee. **Non-Credit Registration** – you **DO NOT** need to apply to the general college, your registration is processed separately through Continuing Education (CE/CT).

Credit courses will appear on your academic transcript. The HSCI 1001 course is evaluated as a Pass/Fail course.

Is there is a difference in the registration cost for the credit and non-credit NA course? (As of fall 2010; subject to change.)

The course cost is comparable. If you are currently employed in long-term care, inquire with your employer regarding reimbursement options.

\$669.00 for the non-credit course through CE/CT.

\$689.00 for the non-credit blended (online & classroom) course through CE/CT.

\$164.46 per credit x 4 credits = **\$657.84** for the credit course through Academic Affairs.

Is the competency exam included in the cost of the course?

No, the Nursing Assistant Competency Exam is offered through CE/CT and is an additional \$178.00, which is payable in two separate payments. \$59.00 must be paid at the time of the exam. Retakes are an additional fee.

How do I register?

Continuing Education Course Schedule and Registration: (Follow the links under Continuing Education.)

<http://century.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassListingDisplay&int> Call 651.779.3341.

Academic Affairs Course Schedule and Registration: (Follow the links under Search Courses on the Century College Website.)

<https://webproc.mnscu.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=304>

What if the Nursing Assistance course that I want to register for is full?

If the credit courses are full, please visit the CE/CT website for additional options. The number of NA courses offered for credit each semester is limited. You may continue to check the website for openings. If you do not need to enroll for credit, you may also refer to the CE/CT website to determine if additional seats are available in the non-credit course.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the Nursing Assistance courses?

If you have specific questions about the non-credit course offerings, course dates, times, or locations, please contact CE/CT at 651.779.3341. If you have specific questions about the credit course offerings (HCSI 1001), contact Kerry Keenan, Director of Nursing at 651.773.1798 or Kerry.keenan@century.edu.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the NA competency examination?

For questions about the NA competency exam or to register for an exam, please call the Continuing Education Department at 651.779.3341.

What are the job opportunities upon course completion and certification?

Jobs in long term care, acute care (hospitals), transitional care, and home care settings are the most common as a Nursing Assistant and/or Home Health Aide.