



**Course Title:** Nurse Aide for Health Care

**Course Number:** NURA 1301 (Fall)

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**Classroom:** DeKalb High School Rm. 211

**Curriculum:** Texas Curriculum for Nurse Aides in Long-Term Care Facilities

**Textbook Information:** Hartman's Nursing Assistant Care/Long-Term Care, 3<sup>th</sup>

**Materials Needed:** folder; pens/pencils/paper; analog watch; 1 set of scrubs

**Course Description:** This course covers the knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to provide basic care to residents of long-term care facilities. Topics include resident's rights, communication, safety, observation, reporting, and assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and safety. Emphasis is placed on effective interaction with members of the health care team. Students may have the opportunity to job shadow and participate in volunteer activities to prepare for clinical rotations.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic care of residents in long term care facilities.
2. Communicate and interact effectively with residents and their families based on sensitivity to the psychosocial needs of residents.
3. Promote safety measures.
4. Demonstrate skills in observing and reporting.
5. Assist residents in attaining and maintaining maximum functional independence.
6. Protect, support, and promote the rights of residents.
7. Function effectively as a member of the health care team.
8. Exhibit legal/ethical behavior and utilize appropriate written/verbal communication skills using the terminology of the occupation and the business/industry.

**Grading Scale:** The semester average will consist of daily grades (85%) and exams/projects (15%). A semester test is mandatory for this course.

Grade	
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59-below

**Late work is not accepted!** A zero will be given for any late/missing work. If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, he/she is expected to turn it in on the day of return. If the student is absent the day an assignment is given, he/she will have the total number of days absent to complete the assignment. There will be a minimum of 12 daily grades and 3 test/project grades per grading period.

**Requirements for Job Shadowing/Volunteering/Clinical Training:**

- Proof of completed vaccinations and negative TB skin test **as required by the facilities**
- Satisfactory criminal background check and drug screen
- Proof of insurance
- Successful skill check-off/satisfactory attendance/coursework
- Heavy lifting

**Confidentiality:** All information gained in the nurse aide program relating to residents, families, health care providers, or any other private facility business is considered confidential information. Disclosure of any confidential information is cause for immediate dismissal from the CNA program.

**Contact Hours:** Basic resident care skills will be taught in the classroom and lab setting. After skills are mastered, students will apply these skills in the workplace or in virtual clinical experiences. Students are required to complete at least 60 classroom hours and 40 clinical hours. **Students who fail to meet the compulsory attendance requirements will NOT be eligible to take the nurse aide certification exam.**

**Professional Conduct:** CNA students are expected to act in a professional manner at all times. If a student participates in any unethical, unprofessional, or disruptive behavior, the student may be removed from the clinical site and may be subject to dismissal from the program.

**Behavior:** This course is meant to prepare students for a job in the healthcare field; therefore, professional behavior is expected. Please adhere to the following rules while in this class or in the clinical setting.

- Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the classroom or clinical area.
- Disrespectful comments and inappropriate language are not acceptable.
- Paper, class materials, books, and pencils/pens should be brought to class each day.
- Class time should be used wisely. Pay attention. (No sleeping!)
- This course contains material about the human body. Material will be presented in a professional manner, and students are expected to act appropriately. No crude/vulgar or offensive language will be tolerated.
- Please refer to the Texarkana College Student Handbook and the DKISD Student Code of Conduct for the full list of rules, policies, and procedures related to student conduct.
- Students must be punctual for all off-campus clinical experiences. Clinical attendance is an integral part of the class.
- Food/drink may only be consumed during an authorized break in the clinical setting. No food/drink should be consumed in class with the exception of water bottles.
- All equipment and supplies must be handled carefully. Students will be required to pay for equipment that is lost or broken while in their care.
- Infection control measures and proper body mechanics will be utilized while in the workplace and during lab skills.
- Students will only perform the skills for which they have been trained.
- Honesty is vital. Any errors or mistakes will be reported to the instructor immediately.
- If you must miss clinical due to an illness or other emergency, you must notify Mrs. Grider immediately. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a written reprimand for the first violation. The second violation constitutes grounds for **dismissal from the program**.
- A scrub suit will be required for each off-campus clinical. Only solid color scrubs will be permitted. **Scrubs must be CLEAN and IRONED and must fit appropriately.** Closed-toe shoes are required. Socks must be matching. An ID badge will be provided and must be worn at all times during any off-campus clinical experience.
- Only small earrings are allowed during clinical training. (No other jewelry) Any additional body piercings (including tongue piercings) and/or gauges must be covered or removed and cannot be visible while in any clinical setting.
- Fingernails must be short and clean. **Artificial nails are inappropriate for clinical training.**
- Students must wear a watch with a second hand while performing vital signs.
- Good personal hygiene must be maintained at all times by students enrolled in this program. Hair should be neat and clean. Hair must be secured away from the face.

**Academic Integrity Statement:** Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. **Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F".** This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including **dual credit campuses**. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

**Disability Act Statement:** Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.

**Financial Aid: **Attention!**** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

**Texarkana College Student Counselor: (903) 823-3143      Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255**

**Student Retention and Support Services:** A student retention specialist is available for every student enrolled in the Pharmacy Technician Program. Karen Holt will help you with study skills, referral to Student Support Services, resume writing, job interview skills, direction to social support programs, and other services. Mrs. Holt can be contacted at [Karen.holt@TexarkanaCollege.edu](mailto:Karen.holt@TexarkanaCollege.edu) or at 903-823-3551. Her office is located in the Health Occupations building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office # 351. Student Support Services is a federally funded program designed to give a helping hand to Texarkana College students who show potential for success in college, but who need assistance in their efforts. Students entering the program have a variety of needs encompassing economic, academic, cultural, and handicapped challenges. Student Support services can help you by offering career information, tutoring, study skills, and college transfer information.

**Student Support Services:**

Career Education Center, Room 106  
2500 N. Robison Road  
Texarkana, Texas 75501

**Office Hours**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Monday - Friday  
903-823-3381

**Basic Needs Security Statement:**

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing enough food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live and believes this may affect their performance in this course or ability to remain in school, is urged to contact Tonja Blase, Director of Student Retention, at 903.823.3349 for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may possess.

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[human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu)

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