

**WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**NURSE ASSISTANT COURSE (NRST 1510)**  
**Theory: online; Lab: hands-on; Clinical: long term care facility**  
**January - July 2012**

**Course Description**

This course prepares a person to work as a nursing assistant. The course presents basic nursing assistant principles and skills with an emphasis on care of the elderly client. Opportunities are provided for practice and demonstration of skills in the laboratory related to client care. Students will participate in clinical experience at health care agencies. Satisfactory completion of the course entitles the student to take a competency exam to become certified in the state of Wyoming.

*[State certification is good for two years and can be renewed by paying a fee to the Wyoming State Board of Nursing if employed as a CNA. Certification lapses if not working as a CNA. Course must be repeated, and state test taken again to re-certify if not employed as a CNA. [WSBN web site: [nursing-online.state.wy.us](http://nursing-online.state.wy.us) or call 307-777-7601 with questions.]*

**Length of Course and Schedule**

Schedule varies. Please see WWCC schedule of classes or check online at Western's website: <http://www.wvcc.wy.edu/registrationandrecords/schedules/csched.htm>

**Cost of Course**

Tuition (in-state):	\$352.00	(4 credits) (\$88.00 per credit hour)
Lab Fee:	21.00	
Required Course Software:	110.00	(estimate)
Internet Course Fee:	35.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$518.00</b>	

White uniform (scrubs acceptable), white shoes, and a wrist watch with a second hand are needed.

Completion of course allows for certification testing. Fees for testing are as follows:

- Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB)-self-inquiry report: \$16.00
- American Red Cross: \$98.00
- Wyoming State Board of Nursing (includes background check): \$120.00
  - If you pay by Visa or MasterCard, WSBN will charge a processing fee of \$5.00.

***(Fees are subject to change.)***

*Please Note:* Credits for this course do not apply toward a degree at this college and transferability is not known or guaranteed.

**Job Opportunities**

Certified nursing assistants are employed by long term care facilities (nursing homes), hospitals, some doctors' offices, home health agencies, and for private duty. Starting salaries vary from \$8.50 - \$11.50/hour depending on facility or agency.

**Clinical Requirements**

**Required:** An annual TB skin test, a Tdap vaccine, and a MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine or proof of immunity **must** be completed prior to the course. Students must be Health Care Provider CPR (American Heart Association) or AED for Professional Rescuer (American Red Cross) certified **prior** to the course.

Vaccine and testing can be attained at the Community Nursing office. CPR classes are offered at a variety of locations in the community and at the college. Contact the WWCC Green River Center, Workforce Development office at 307-872-1314 for information about the next Health Care Provider CPR class.

***Additional information on backside →***

## **NURSE ASSISTANT COURSE (NRST 1510) Continued**

### **Legal Restrictions**

Students who have a history of the following crimes will not be permitted to participate in the clinical portion of the program. The student, therefore, will not be able to meet the course objectives and will fail the course. The crimes are:

1. any felony conviction
2. Medicare- or Medicaid-related crimes (misdemeanor or felony)
3. abuse or neglect (misdemeanor or felony)
4. felony health care fraud (not related to Medicare or Medicaid)
5. felony controlled substance violations

*(Students, who are unsure of their standing, may call the course instructor for clarification.)*

There are other crimes that may prevent a student from earning a certificate or license, even though they completed the program. See the following statement from the Wyoming State Board of Nursing.

### **WYOMING STATE BOARD OF NURSING:**

The following history information must be reported in writing to the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) when submitting an application for Nursing Assistant certification, or Practical Nurse or Professional Nurse licensure: all charges, arrests, citations or convictions for any criminal offense including, DUIs and felonies even if pardoned, expunged, dismissed or deferred. WSBN also requires notification of admission to a facility for treatment for drug/alcohol abuse within the last 10 years. The WSBN requires an official background check of all applicants. Applicants will not be denied the opportunity to take the competency examination for Nursing Assistants, Practical Nurses or Professional Nurses; however, the WSBN may deny certification or licensure based on history revealed through the background check and history information. Please refer to the WSBN website at <http://nursing.state.wy.us> for additional information regarding the application process and contact information.