

**WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**NURSE ASSISTANT COURSE (NRST 1510)**  
**August 2008 - July 2009**

**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. Contact the board at 307-777-7601 with questions.]*

**Length of Course and Schedule**

Schedule varies. Please see WWCC schedule of classes.

**Cost of Course**

4 credit course	--	Tuition:	\$324.00 (\$81.00 per credit hour)
		Lab Fee:	21.00
		Textbook:	<u>40.00</u> (approximate)
			\$385.00

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:

Pearson VUE: \$ 90.00

Wyoming State Board of Nursing (includes background check): \$120.00

***(Cost of examinations may vary due to testing changes.)***

*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 - \$9.50/hour depending on facility or agency.

**Clinical Requirements**

**Required:** An annual TB skin test 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 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 Professional, Technical and Community Education department at 875-2278, ext. 326 for information about the next Health Care Provider CPR class.