

Minnesota

Articulated College Credit Agreement

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Through Articulated College Credit (ACC), specific college curriculum learning outcomes and assessments are embedded in participating high school career and technical education (CTE) programs as specified in this agreement. Relevant knowledge, skills, and standards are taught by qualified CTE high school instructor(s) in one or more high school courses. ACC is awarded if the student meets the college equivalency standards and later enrolls in the college(s) listed below requiring the course in a specific program.

Agreement Name Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide
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These credits are valid for students 2 years after graduation from high school.

Colleges	College Courses	College Programs	ACC
Anoka Technical College	HLTH 1103- Nursing Assistant/ Home Health Aide	*Nursing Assistant/ Home Health Aid (Cert. - 5 cr.) *Health Technology (Cert.- 26 cr.)	5 credits of 5 total credits
Hennepin Technical College	NAHA 1002 – Nursing Assistant/ Home Health Aide	*Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide (Cert. - 5 cr.)	5 credits of 5 total credits
Normandale Community College	NURS 1060 – Nursing Assistant/ Home Health Aide	*Nursing Assistant Certificate (4 cr.)	4 credits of 4 total credits

Course Description

This state-approved course introduces concepts of basic human needs, health and/or illness continuum, and basic personal care skills. It includes theory with skills demonstrated in a supervised laboratory setting and 24 hours of supervised practical training of selected adult elders in a long-term care (LTC) setting. The role of the nursing assistant in a LTC facility as well as working with various populations is discussed. In addition, the course provides an overview of the nursing assistant's role in home care. It identifies issues related to working in homes, including adjustments to delivering personal care, food and nutrition, and homemaking responsibilities.

Upon successful completion of this course, the student is eligible to take the MN Nursing Assistant Competency Evaluation for Nursing Assistant. Individuals successfully completing this examination are placed on the MN Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide Registry.

Curriculum Learning Outcomes

100% of the curriculum learning outcomes will be covered in the high school course(s) by qualified CTE high school instructor(s).

To complete the current requirements mandated by OBRA laws and the Minnesota Department of Health, students will:

- Identify general characteristics of aging and the effects on body systems
- Differentiate between verbal and non-verbal communication techniques
- Describe effective communication with the population served, supervisor, and co-workers
- Identify situations requiring emergency action
- Apply principles of infection control
- Demonstrate personal care for a select population
- Demonstrate safe moving and transferring of select population
- Identify factors that affect the nutritional needs of select population
- Identify factors that interfere with the elimination needs of select population
- Define dementia and strategies to effectively work with select populations having this diagnosis

Course Assessments

Students will perform state-mandated clinical and lecture assessments in accordance with OBRA Laws and the Minnesota Department of Health. Students must successfully complete specific state-mandated goals and curriculum to qualify as a candidate for the State of Minnesota nursing assistant/home health aide competency evaluation.

Students must achieve an **80% or higher** on assessments to earn college credits.

Additional Information

- **Background Check:** Minnesota Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a healthcare facility licensed by the [Minnesota Department of Health](#); have a background study conducted by the state. An individual who is disqualified from having direct patient contact as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement in a Minnesota-licensed health care facility. The college will withdraw any student who is disqualified by the Minnesota Department of Health. The student is responsible for requesting the Commissioner to reconsider the disqualification.
- The student has two years upon completion of the Nursing Assistant program to take the skills and written competency evaluations for the MN State Registry to become a NA.
- If a student is on the MN State Registry, then the student must renew the “Registry” every two years. In order to do this, students will need 8 hours of paid nursing assistant employment in a Medicare-funded facility (direct care) and 24 hours of continuing education.

**Recommended Industry-Recognized Certification
Or Comprehensive Assessment - College**

Certification/Assessment	Vendor	Other Information
Minnesota Nursing Assistant/ Home Health Aide Registry	Minnesota Department of Health	www.health.state.mn.us

**Recommended Industry-Recognized Certification
Or Comprehensive Assessments – High School**

Certification/Assessment	Vendor	Other Information
Minnesota Nursing Assistant/ Home Health Aide Registry	Minnesota Department of Health	www.health.state.mn.us
Nursing Assisting	NOCTI	www.nocti.org
Home Health Aide	NOCTI	www.nocti.org