



Medical Careers

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Course Overview

The Medical Careers program is designed to prepare students for initial certification as a Nursing Assistant (NA-C) as well as continued training. Students interested in any health care career will benefit from the skills and knowledge attained in the program. Students spend time in the classroom and in an assisted living facility learning many procedures for direct patient care including Basic Nursing skills, Positioning, Rehabilitation/Restorative care and Personal Care skills. Students must pass multiple background checks, have their Covid Vaccinations and have their own transportation to and from the clinical sites in the Spring 2024.

Course Units

- History of Health Care
- Careers in Health Care
- Personal and Professional qualities of a health care worker
- Health Care Trends and Systems
- Legal and Ethical responsibilities
- Basic Nursing Skills
- Infection Prevention
- Safety and Body Mechanics
- Medical Abbreviations
- Medical Terminology
- NAC Fundamentals Long Term Care Clinical Rotation
- NAC State Certification Exam

Course Textbook

- Diversified Health Occupations Update 8th Edition textbook
- Hartman's Nursing Assistant Care 5th Edition workbook
- Hartman's Nursing Assistant Care 5th Edition textbook

Course Supplies

- General classroom supplies – notebook, writing utensils, highlighters. planner, post it notes
- Index cards
- Google Drive access

Course Fees *(fees are subject to change based on vendor adjustments)*

- Testing Fees (see Clinical/Fee Due Dates chart below)
- SkillsUSA Leadership \$20.00
- NAC Workbook \$20.00
- Scrubs*

Bottoms	\$24.00 S-XL	\$27.00 2XL & above
Tops	\$21.00 S-XL	\$24.00 2XL & above
- PCSC T-shirt (optional)

Short Sleeve	\$9.00 S-XL	\$11.00 2XL & above
Long Sleeve	\$14.00 S-XL	\$15.00 2XL & above

Course/Clinical Requirements

When students enroll in Medical Careers, they make a full-year commitment, which includes the clinical rotation in the spring, as well as taking the state exam in June. In addition to the traditional coursework, the clinical rotation and the state exam are requirements in order to successfully complete the course and earn credit.

Certifications

- Nursing Assistant Registered
- Nursing Assistant Certified
- CPR for the Health Care Provider through American Heart Association & First Aid
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Food Handlers Permit (dependent on clinical site)
- Precision Exams- Medical Terminology and Nursing Assistant Certified

* Certificates will not be issued until all fines and/or fees are paid in full

Clinical/Fee Due Dates – All fees subject to change

Fees and documentation requirements are listed below – failure to meet the stated deadlines may be grounds for removal from the program. PCSC does not retain any portion of the collected fees and prices are subject to change.

Due Date	Description	Details
JAN 2024	Immunizations Prices vary depending on insurance carriers and are the responsibility of the student. Students may begin to bring in paper copies of immunization records from their provider or print off copies of online medical records immediately. An initial audit of student immunizations will occur on 9/23/19	■ Hepatitis B Vaccine- Series of 3 shots or Laboratory evidence of immune status (Titer) ■ Influenza Vaccine (Flu shot)- Must be from current year ■ MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)-1 or 2 doses or Laboratory evidence of immune status (Titer) ■ PPD #1 (test for Tuberculosis)- Results from PPD #1 must be read within 48-72 hours of placement OR Quantiferon lab draw ■ PPD #2 – This occurs 10-14 days after reading of PPD#1. Results from PPD#2 must be read within 48-72

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FEB 2024	Department of Social & Health Services Background Authorization Form	Results of this form must come back “no record on file” in order for students to gain entry to a clinical site. There is no fee for the DSHS form
FEB 2024	Proof of health insurance coverage	Provide photocopy of health insurance card
MARCH/APRIL 2024	Nursing Assistant-Registered application	Optional: The fee is \$85 and is paid directly to the WA State Department of Health*
MARCH/APRIL 2024	Nursing Assistant Certification exam fee	The fee is \$150.00 and payment is to be made to PCSC* The application and fee must be received in order for students to take the state exam.
JUNE 2024 FOLLOWING STATE EXAMS	Nursing Assistant Certified Application	The fee is \$85 and students are responsible for mailing or completing this application online to the Department of Health upon successful completion of their NAC state certification exam

Grading Policy

Students are primarily assessed based on their mastery of course content and technical skill. The majority of a student's grade (70%) is based on summative assessments (end of chapter exams, mid-terms, finals and skill return demonstrations) and (30%) is based on formative assessments (quizzes and class assignments).

Clinical Placement Grade Requirement

A score of 78%, or better, is required to pass the Nursing Assistant final exam and progress to the lab and clinical portion of the program. Students must then pass a mock state skills test after clinicals in order to sit for the state certification exam.

***Students who fail to achieve a grade of 78% by the end of Winter Trimester and/or other clinical requirements will not be eligible to continue in the program and will be withdrawn from PCSC and may not earn credit for their time at PCSC, which will most likely impact their on-time graduation status**

Grading Breakdown

70% - summative assessments (tests, projects, labs, presentations, etc.)

30% - formative assessments (classwork, practice, quizzes, homework, leadership, employability, etc.)

Grade Scale

Percent	Letter Grade	Percent	Letter Grade
100-93	A	82-80	B-
92-90	A-	79-77	C+
89-87	B+	76-73	C
86-83	B	72-70	C-
69 and below = F			

Homework Policy

Although the majority of PCSC work is done during the class period, occasionally homework is assigned or classwork will need to be completed outside the school day. All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. Missing homework will be entered in the gradebook with a score of "0" until completed. Work submitted after the due date will receive a reduction in points. Teachers will set final dates, after which a late assignment will no longer be accepted. Teachers may also identify work that will not be accepted late. If a student knows they will be absent, it is their responsibility to make arrangements ahead of time to obtain class or homework that will be missed. Students with excused absences will have two days for every day absent to turn in missing work.

Redo Policy

Redo opportunities are available to students who are working hard towards content mastery but need an additional testing opportunity to demonstrate proficiency. Students who are given a redo opportunity will be required to show effort and progress not only on the first assessment, but will also be required to complete work outside of class as directed by the teacher. **Redo opportunities may not be given to students who choose not to study or prepare for an assessment, who refuse to take an assessment, or who abuse the redo opportunity. Certain projects and assessments are not eligible for a redo opportunity, including final exams.**

Internet and Computer Access

The Pierce County Skills Center uses the platform, Canvas, to manage digital classroom content. In many cases assignments will be distributed and turned in through this system. This means that students should have access to the internet and a device outside of school. If your student does not have access to these, please contact the main office (253.800.4800) for assistance. Hot spots and devices are available through students' home districts.

ParentVUE/StudentVUE

Students and their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to use ParentVUE/StudentVUE to monitor grades and attendance. [ParentVUE](#) is an online link provided through the school district website for you to access your student's course information, including grades, assignments, and attendance. If you do not already have an ID and Password contact the main office (253.800.4800) for your login information.

Dual Credit & College Credit

Students have the opportunity to earn college credits at local community and technical colleges. Students must earn a C or better and have met all course competencies. Dual credit opportunities are subject to change based on course offerings and approval at the community and technical colleges. Visit the [Dual Credit](#) page on the PCSC website for the most current information.

Leadership

Leadership is a vital component of all career and technical education classes. Every day you will be required to demonstrate strong leadership and workplace skills: prompt attendance, professional and respectful behavior, problem solving, working with diverse groups, and strong communication.

Students have the opportunity to join a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), a student leadership organization that includes teachers, high school and college students, and industry partners who are working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Participation in a CTSO provides students with the opportunity to further develop the personal, technical, and workplace skills to better prepare them for career success. CTSO activities culminate in regional career and technical competition events. Students who qualify may advance to state and national competitions.

Policies and Course Requirements

Medical Careers is a program designed to prepare the student for entry into a professional environment that reflects health care industry standards. Students will treat themselves, others and all equipment and supplies with respect and for their intended purpose. As such, it will be expected that student behavior is appropriate for the modern health care environment.

PCSC Expectations & Policies – [Student Handbook](#)

Students are expected to review and follow the school rules, procedures, and processes outlined in the PCSC student handbook and the district's [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). Students are held accountable for the rules outlined; claiming to not know about a rule does not excuse a student from the consequence.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating is by definition, an action done by a student to supply work for another student, or turn in work, use work, or rely on work that is not their own, other than in circumstances clearly understood to involve collaborative or group learning. The judgment of the teacher or staff member who discovers cheating is final. The first offense of cheating will be an F on the assignment/assessment. A second offense of cheating may result in an F in the program and removal from PCSC.

Electronic Equipment

Personal electronic devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, can be a disruption to the educational process and are not permitted at school. The only exception to the following policy is if a teacher specifically grants permission for usage for educational purposes. Electronic devices are to be put away when class starts. Students who continue to violate the electronic equipment policy can expect their device to be confiscated, a parent/administrative conference, and additional disciplinary action. Insubordination or argumentative behavior regarding device confiscation will result in further disciplinary action.

Food & Drink

Food and beverages, with the exception of water, are not permitted in classroom areas. No water should be near laptop or desktop computers. A bottle refill station is located in the Cascade Building across from our classroom.

Hall Passes/Vests

Students must have instructor permission to leave class and only one student is permitted out of class at a time. Passes are not to be requested during lectures or presentations. Any student out of class should have a hall pass with time and destination. Any student who needs to go to the parking lot during class must WEAR a classroom-provided safety vest.

Safety Policy

Unsafe behavior and lack of professionalism will not be tolerated in the classroom, lab, clinicals, or on field trips. Lab equipment will be used safely and for its intended purpose only. Horseplay or unsafe behavior will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from the program. Students must pass a written lab safety exam with a score of 100% before engaging in lab activities. All accidents or injuries must be reported to the instructor immediately.

Dress Code/Uniform Requirement

- Students are only permitted to wear PCSC scrubs to class and clinicals
- Students will be required to wear all white professional shoes to clinicals
- Comfortable clothing will be required during CPR training. CPR ecards are free and are given to students upon successful completion of the NAC program.

Sensitive Issues

The program uses various videos, movies, current news and industry documents as part of the course curriculum. While all efforts are made to screen the content, any opinions expressed in this content belong to those who created it and don't necessarily reflect the views of the school, class or instructor. Students are encouraged to discuss both the opinion of the content creator, but also the opposing view to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the issues being discussed.

Some materials will be related to disease and health care, including conventional and alternative treatments. Sensitive issues may also be discussed in large or small groups and with guest speakers. Students will be expected to maintain appropriate and professional behavior during these times. Parents are encouraged to contact the instructor with any questions or concerns. Additionally, dissections are a normal part of an anatomy and physiology class and research.



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STUDENT CALENDAR 2024-2025

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April 24, 2024

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