

PATIENT CARE ASSISTING

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

The Patient Care Assisting program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to succeed as patient care assistants in nursing homes and other health care facilities. This program includes the Certified Nursing Assistant course (CNA 100), as approved by the Georgia Medical Care Foundation, as well as courses currently being taught under Technical College System of Georgia standards in the general areas of psychosocial needs of patients, work ethics, communications, infection control, patient hygiene, nourishment, and patient care.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Work settings for nursing assistants range from small nursing homes to large hospitals. Their work often includes lifting and carrying heavy objects. Nursing assistants often work schedules that include night and weekend duty. Nursing assistants are employed by hospitals, convalescent and nursing homes, home health care agencies, the federal government, and the armed forces.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

The recent reauthorization of the Higher Education Act requires all colleges and universities to notify students and prospective students of all program costs for which they will be responsible. Students will be responsible for the following expenses:

- Quarterly tuition (\$66 per credit hour)
- Quarterly student activity fees (\$16)
- Quarterly registration fee (\$26)
- Quarterly accident insurance fee (\$4)
- Quarterly instructional and technology supply fee (\$35)
- Criminal background check (Approximately \$50 per required check)

- Drug screen (Approximately \$50 per required screen)
- Georgia Nurse Aid certification examination (\$107)
- Immunizations
 - Hepatitis B series (Approximately \$400)
 - Tuberculosis Test (Approximately \$100)
- Liability insurance (\$11 per year)
- Physical examination (Approximately \$300)
- Program equipment (Approximately \$100)
- Program supply fee (Varies – See course descriptions for exact costs)
- Textbooks (Approximately \$325 for entire program)
- Uniform (Approximately \$30 per set)

The expenses are based on costs in effect at the time this catalog was published. Prices are subject to change.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be 17 years of age and must submit the following information to the Admissions Office:

- a. Completed and signed application for admission and a \$20 nonrefundable application fee;
- b. Official high school or GED transcripts and/or official college transcripts from all colleges attended in the past (see *General Admission Requirements*); and
- c. Valid COMPASS, ASSET, SAT, or ACT test scores (see *ASSET and COMPASS Placement Tests*); and
- d. A signed document acknowledging that they may be required to complete drug testing and/or background checks at their own expense prior to participating in internships, practicums, or clinical activities at certain host sites for these activities (see *Drug Testing/Background Checks*) (blank documents are available from the Admissions Office and online at www.athenstech.edu—Select *Prospective Students* and then *Competitive Health Pgms*).

PATIENT CARE ASSISTING CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Technical Certificate of Credit (Major Code: TTP1)
Credit Required for Completion: 16 quarter credit hours

	Credits
Technical Certificate	16
* AHS 103 Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2
* AHS 109 Medical Terminology for Allied Health Science	3
* CNA 100 Patient Care Fundamentals	8
* EMP 1000 Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	3

**Students must pass courses with grades of C or better.*

ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE

Department Code: AHS

AHS 103

Nutrition and Diet Therapy (2-0-2)

Banner Title: Nutrition and Diet Therapy

Students study the nutritional needs of the individual. Topics include nutrients, standard and modified diets, nutrition throughout the life span, and client education.

Prerequisite: Program admission

Offered quarterly

AHS 109

Medical Terminology for Allied Health Science (3-0-3)

Banner Title: Medical Terminology for AHS

This course introduces the elements of medical terminology. Instructors place emphasis on building familiarity with medical words through knowledge of roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Topics include origins (roots, prefixes, and suffixes), word building, abbreviations and symbols, terminology related to the human anatomy, reading medical orders and reports, and terminology specific to the students' programs of study.

Prerequisite: Provisional admission

Offered quarterly

PATIENT CARE ASSISTING

Department Code: CNA

CNA 100

Patient Care Fundamentals (5-6-8)

Banner Title: Patient Care Fundamentals

This course introduces students to the occupation of certified nurse assistant. Instructors place emphasis on human anatomy and physiology, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and nutrition and diet therapy. Topics include the role and responsibilities of the certified nurse assistant; topography, structure, and function of body systems; legal and safety requirements in the patient care field; equipment use and care; and performance skills standards and procedures. Students must pay a \$25 supply fee when registering for this course.

Prerequisites: AHS 103 with a grade of C or better, AHS 109 with a grade of C or better, EMP 1000 with a grade of C or better

Offered quarterly

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Department Code: EMP

EMP 1000

Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development (3-0-3)

Banner Title: Interpersonal Relations

Students study human relations and professional development in today's changing world in order to prepare themselves for living and working in a complex society. Topics include human relations skills, job acquisition skills and communications, job retention skills, job advancement skills, and professional image skills.

Prerequisite: Provisional admission

Offered quarterly