

NURSING ASSISTANT

Program Number: 30-543-1

Technical Diploma

Campus: Beaver Dam, Fond du Lac, West Bend

This program is **not** eligible for financial aid

Ignite your passion for helping people and begin your journey in the medical field with a Nursing Assistant technical diploma from Moraine Park Technical College.

About the Program

The Nursing Assistant program at Moraine Park prepares students to take the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry exam through a combination of more than 78 hours of classroom theory, laboratory work and clinical experience. Students learn the skills they need to work in long-term care settings, such as taking vital signs, bathing, dressing, making beds and other direct resident care.

What You'll Learn

Moraine Park's Nursing Assistant training prepares students for work as nursing assistants by teaching the foundations of how to communicate and interact with patients, family and co-workers, maintain and protect client rights, and record observations. Students also learn ethical and legal responsibilities of nursing assistants, how to provide safe care for a diverse population, assist clients with long-term, disabling conditions and more.

Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable, accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

Additional Information

State Licensure Disclosure: Moraine Park Technical College offers programs designed to meet the educational requirements leading to licensure or certification that may be required for employment in certain professions. See Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/professional-licensure/>) for more details.

Certifying Organization: Nurse Aide Training and Registry Information (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/caregiver/nurse-aide/natd-registry.htm>)

Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry: To be eligible for inclusion on the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry, students also complete written/oral and skill performance competency examinations after completing the course. This permits graduates to be employed in state and federally approved skilled long-term care and home healthcare facilities. For more information about the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry competency examination, contact Headmaster. Testing at 888-404-0462, Registry at

888-401-0465, or visit the Headmaster website at <http://hdmaster.com> and click 'Wisconsin'.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

Mandatory - Prior to class, read Nursing Assistant Program Requirements (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/programs/nursing-assistant/>) (Admissions tab).

High school courses helpful in preparing for this program include English, science and math.

Nursing Assistant Frequently Asked Questions (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/program-information/nursing-assistant-30-543-1/>)

Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

This program also requires:

- Criminal Background Check. **Mandatory** - Please see the Nursing Assistant Program Requirements (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/programs/nursing-assistant/>) (Admissions tab) prior to class for more information on these items.

Apply and complete the admission process early. It is recommended that students submit an application at least three weeks before their desired course start. Students cannot register for the Nursing Assistant course before being fully admitted to the Nursing Assistant program.

Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

Approximate Costs

NOTE: The fees below are 2025-2026 fees. They will be updated when 2026-2027 fees are approved.

Tuition

Occupational

- \$152.85 per credit (resident)
- \$229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$192.20 per credit (resident)
- \$288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
543-300	Nursing Assistant	2
	Credits	2
	Total Credits	2

Program Outcomes

- Communicate effectively with clients, family, and co-workers
- Protect rights of clients
- Demonstrate ethical and legal responsibilities
- Work cooperatively in a team environment
- Provide holistic, safe care to diverse populations
- Demonstrate reporting and documentation
- Assist clients with rehabilitation and restorative care
- Provide safe care for clients with acute and chronic health conditions
- Complete educational requirements for the WI NA competency evaluation

Career Opportunities

- Nursing Assistant

Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$39,888