

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number: NUR 27**

**Credits: 5**

**Course Title: Nurse Aide I**

**Course Description**

Teaches care of older patients with emphasis on the social, emotional, and spiritual needs. Covers procedures, communication and interpersonal relations; observations, charting, and reporting; safety and infection control; anatomy and physiology; personal care, nutrition, and patient feedings; death and dying. Lecture 3 hours. Laboratory 6 hours. Total 9 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

To have the student identify the needs of their patients and identify nurse aide principles that will guide them in delivering safe, thorough, and empathetic care. In obtaining this nurse aide training, it will allow them to take the nurse aide certification exam to become a certified nurse aide and work in various health settings.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

None

**Course Objectives**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Demonstrate effective communication skills with peers, coworkers, patients and their families.
- b. Develop and maintain meaningful interpersonal relationships with patients and their families.
- c. Demonstrate the ability to work within the legal role of the nurse aide.
- d. Demonstrate the ability to identify the clients' physical, psycho-social and spiritual needs when providing care.
- e. Demonstrate the ability to observe and report pertinent information about their patients' status.
- f. Assist patients in achieving and maintaining their highest level of function.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- a. Ethical/Legal Aspects of the Nurse Aide
- b. Safety Practices
- c. Communication Skills
- d. Psychosocial/Spiritual Care of the Patient
- e. Physical Care of the Patient
- f. Rehabilitative/Restorative Care of the Patient

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): January 1, 2009**