

J. Sargeant Reynolds
Community College



School of Nursing and Allied Health

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT



**NOTICE: The CNA program is currently not accepting students.
Information will be updated as soon as it is available.**

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Dear Nurse Aide Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Nurse Aide Program. This program is accredited by the Board of Nursing. There are many opportunities for certified nurse aides today. The areas of employment include long-term care facilities, hospitals, and home health agencies. The field of nursing is a very challenging one. Entering at the nurse aide level will enable you to explore the realities of nursing and help you to decide if this is the career choice for you.

This course runs for eight (8) weeks and after completing the class you will be eligible to take the national exam to become a Certified Nurse Aide. There is a \$94.00 application fee to register for the national exam, which you will need to pay approximately six (6) weeks into the course. You will also find the following criteria for all students entering J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College nursing programs entitled: Technical Standards for Nurse Aide Students.

This class will help you gain both the knowledge and practical skills that you will need to do well on this exam and to become a good employee in a long-term care facility, hospital, or home-health agency. The tuition cost for this course is **\$506.50**.

PLEASE NOTE:

Criminal background checks will be required. If one is required, the clinical site will obtain the criminal background check for a fee of \$20.00 that is due upon the first day of class. The clinical site will not accept any other background check other than the one they perform.

Anyone not present for the first two (2) sessions of class must drop and take the class at a later date. You will need to provide your own white uniform and shoes and a watch with a second hand. You will not be able to wear artificial nails, nail tips, or acrylic nails during your clinical rotation. Further details will be given on the first day of class. Clinicals do not begin for two (2) weeks into the course, so there is no need to purchase these items prior to class. **You must have a current (within one (1) year) TB test report. Proof of this test will be asked of you on the first day of class.** You can go to the health department in the county/city where you live and they will perform the test for a fee. You will not be able to attend clinical without a PPD placed and read by your caregiver with the results given to your JSR instructor. **Please have your PPD results ready to give to your instructor on the first day of class.**

If you have never taken a course at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College before, you need to complete the on-line application to the college. <https://apply.vccs.edu/oa/launch.action>

Technical Standards for Nurse Aide Students

Students entering the nurse aide program must possess the physical ability to:

- (1) Aid in the lifting and moving of patients/residents
- (2) Hear audible alarms and sounds
- (3) Auscultate certain physical parameters – such as blood pressure, heart and lung sounds
- (4) Interact effectively with patients/residents, families and health care team members

The nurse aide student should be able to have:

- Sufficient eyesight to observe patients/residents, read records, manipulate equipment, and visually monitor patients/residents in dim light
- Sufficient hearing to communicate with patients/residents and members of health care delivery team, monitor patients/residents using electronic equipment, and hear necessary sounds during operation of equipment
- Satisfactory speaking, reading and writing skills to effectively communicate in English in a timely manner
- Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to manipulate equipment, lift, stoop or bend in the delivery of safe nursing care
- Satisfactory physical strength and endurance to be on feet for extended periods and to move immobile patients/residents
- Satisfactorily function intellectually and emotionally to ensure patient safety and to exercise independent judgment and discretion in performing assigned tasks