Nursing Assistant (30-543-1)

Technical Diploma
Effective 2026/2027

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here. All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan. Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.). More detailed scheduling information for this program can be found at https://www.gtc.edu/nursing-assistant. *Please see your academic advisor for additional information.*

K-D = Kenosha/days, K-E = Kenosha/evenings, R-D = Racine/days, R-E = Racine/evenings, E-D = Elkhorn/days, E-E = Elkhorn/evenings, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	K-D	K-E	R-D	R-E	E-D	E-E
1	*543-300	2	Nursing Assistant	Prereq: Program Admission	F/S/SU	F/S/SU	F/S/SU	F/S/SU	F/S/SU	F/S/SU
Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 2										

(*) Students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for this major course to meet graduation requirements.

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Nursing Assistant, offered numerous times throughout the district, prepares students to perform basic nursing skills in caring for clients in various health care settings. A certificate is awarded upon successful completion of this course and graduates are eligible to competency test for placement on the Wisconsin Nursing Assistant / Home Health Aide Registry.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:
1. Communicate effectively with clients, family, and co-workers
2. Protect rights of clients
3. Demonstrate ethical and legal responsibilities
4. Work cooperatively in a team environment
5. Provide holistic, safe care to diverse populations
6. Demonstrate reporting and documentation
7. Assist clients with rehabilitation and restorative care
8. Provide safe care for clients with acute and chronic health conditions
9. Complete educational requirements for the WI NA competency evaluation

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:
1. Communication Competence
2. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
3. Professionalism and Career Management
4. Teamwork and Collaboration
5. Cultural Competence
6. Technology Competence

Admission Requirements

1. Students must submit an application and pay $30 fee.
2. Students must complete reading placement assessment with a min. score of 237; or minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); or earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
3. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
4. Review the technical standards for this program at www.gtc.edu/forms. An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.

Graduation Requirements

1. *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or Graduation Requirements.

Notes

1. Clinical sites may require drug testing.
2. Successful completion of 543-300 will result in the student's eligibility to take the Wisconsin Competency Testing for certification as a Nursing Assistant.
3. Certificates will be issued upon successful completion of 543-300.
4. 543-300 is a 75-hour course – classroom / lab / clinical combined.
5. District-wide Nursing Assistant clinical uniform required: Navy Blue uniform top and blue uniform bottom.
6. Please note that your program may require additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Documentation Manager, and/or Drug Testing.

The State of Wisconsin Regulatory Agency and the Federal Government requires mandatory attendance of 75 hours for this course. **With official documentation of medical and/or emergency reasoning, there is an allowance of up to 8 hours absence/tardiness with documented homework or alternative lab experiences, determined by the instructor.** Failure to complete the mandatory homework or lab experiences satisfactory will result in the student being dismissed from the program. All events of tardiness are rounded up to the next quarter hour. Clinical attendance of 16 hours is mandatory. No tardies or absences are allowed for clinical without an official document of medical or emergency issue. If there is a college-related cancellation of course time, mandatory make-up day(s) will be assigned to the course to ensure compliance with state regulations.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.

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