Health Care Support Curriculum and Course Descriptions

Curriculum for Health Care Support varies based on the degree or certificate and is subject to change.

Visit us online at ivytech.edu/health-care-support to find recommended course curriculum and course descriptions.

Overview

The Health Care Support program offers exciting opportunities for people who are considering entry into the health care field, as well as to current health care providers who want additional credentials or an Associate of Applied Science degree to complement their current skills. The program allows students to complete personal goals for attaining credentials required or preferred by employers in nearly all health care sectors - hospitals, long term care centers, physician practices, home care, and community services. Students may also complete the AAS degree, which offers courses relevant to many other health care professions, as well.
Careers in Health Care Support

Phlebotomists, Pharmacy Technicians, Dementia Care, EMTs, Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) and Qualified Medication Aides (QMA), Home Health Specialists, Massage Therapists, or Electrocardiography Technicians (ECG)

Health Care Support Degree & Certificates

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE

Two-year Associate of Applied Science degree programs prepare students for careers, career changes and career advancement. AAS programs may also prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The program content, which is approximately 30 percent general education, provides depth and breadth in conceptual and professional/technical skills. Professional/technical courses equip students with the skills to obtain employment and to advance in the workforce.

Students must obtain two certificates in order to qualify for the Associate of Applied Science degree.

CERTIFICATES

Certificates are sequences of technical and professional courses. They provide access to targeted, short-term workforce training, and completers may sit for specific certification exams. Courses in certificate programs also apply toward technical certificates and associate degree programs in the subject area.

Certificates

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
Prepares the student to take state or National Registry testing for certification. Once certified, you may work in areas such as ambulance, emergency departments and doctor’s offices.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
Certified Nursing Assistant – Once completed, you will be able to take the state certification test. With this certification, you may work in nursing homes, physicians offices and some hospitals.

Phlebotomy
Allows you to take the certification exam for phlebotomy. Job opportunities include hospitals, doctor’s offices, private labs.

Electrocardiography (EKG)
Allows you to take the certification exam. Job opportunities include monitor tech in critical care units, hospitals, doctor’s offices.

Dementia Care
Helps the students obtain a better understanding of dementia and its process as well as how to handle this type of patient. Students are awarded a certification upon completion of this course.