

# NURSE ASSISTANT (NA) TRAINING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

## What is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)?

A Certified Nursing Assistant is a para professional who is certified by the state of residence to take vital signs and gather other patient data. Additionally, they administer basic care and tend to the hygiene needs of patients under the direction of a licensed nurse.

## What training does Prestige Care offer?

Prestige Care offers nursing (NA) assistant training. The Prestige Care NA training program teaches hands-on skills that students will use every day to provide patients with exceptional health care. After practicing these skills in a lecture and lab setting, you will put them to use in the real world during the clinical practicum at one of our skilled nursing centers.

## What is the cost?

There is no cost to take the course, Prestige will cover the fees for the textbook, background check, fingerprint fees, test fees or first year registration fees. The student must supply their time, transportation, meals, sturdy non-slip shoes in black or white, appropriate clothing for lab and class, and scrubs for the clinical portion of class. Although not required, a watch with a large face and a sweeping second hand is recommended.

## What is the commitment?

The student must commit to the full course of the required 155 hours and be on-time ready to work, study, listen, and participate. Prior to coming to class, the student must read the assigned homework every night and be ready to ask questions based on the assignment. During clinical hours, the student must be ready to complete the assignment.

## What else is involved?

After completion of the course you are eligible to apply to sit for the state nursing assistant 1 certification. This is a two-part state administered test consisting of a written test and a demonstration of skills before a state examiner to determine competency.

## What are the qualifications?

Prestige Care accepts student applicants into the NA program who show a positive attitude toward learning, resident care, coworkers, and general willingness to be part of the team. Maturity and caring are key personality traits along with effective time management skills.

## How do I apply?

Go on to the Prestige Care Careers web page. Click on Employment opportunities, enter Nursing Assistant Training at the building closest to you and fill out the application. Or, contact your nearest Prestige location to inquire.

## What's next?

The administrator or the nurse assistant designee will contact you for an interview if you are an eligible candidate. Classes are Monday through Friday. Class times may vary, but generally run 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and clinical is 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Am I guaranteed a job with Prestige Care?

Once the nurse assistant training is successfully completed, you are not guaranteed a job with Prestige Care. During the five-week training you have been working with Prestige Care staff. They will observe your work habits to see if you are a good fit for the position and the team. This is an excellent opportunity for a great education and for the candidate to have working interviews before applying for a position.