

## CAREER-TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

# NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Graduates of this program are prepared to assist registered nurses or licensed practical nurses in providing basic nursing care for clients in acute, long-term and home settings.

Classes are geared toward developing basic academic skills in an applied work setting. Training includes learning and refining client care skills, clinical observation and performing skills in a supervised clinical setting.

Instruction includes tools to promote a successful job search and professional behaviors in the workplace.

Courses include:

- Introduction to Nursing Assistant
- Introduction to Nursing Assistant Lab
- Fundamentals of Nursing Assistant
- Fundamentals of Nursing Assistant Lab
- Nursing Assistant Practicum

### **I-BEST Learning Community**

I-BEST stands for Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training. In the NA I-BEST Learning Community, students have the benefit of two instructors: one of them is a specialist in their technical field and the other is a specialist in Basic Studies, such as English, reading and/or math.

Students work in the program classes with both instructors and in support classes with the Basic Studies instructor.

### **Accreditation**

Olympic College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Questions about accreditation can be directed to the Olympic College administrative staff or the Northwest Commission at [www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org).

The Nursing Assistant Certification Program is approved by the Washington Department of Health and the Department of Social and Health Services.

### **Get Started Today!**

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#### **Contact Admissions to enroll**

[www.olympic.edu/current-students/getting-started/Admissions](http://www.olympic.edu/current-students/getting-started/Admissions)

### **Funding Options**

Available through Workforce Development

360-475-7555 | [wfd@olympic.edu](mailto:wfd@olympic.edu)

[www.startnextquarter.org](http://www.startnextquarter.org)

Contact us to find out if you are eligible!

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Nursing/Healthcare  
Career Pathway



  
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Olympic College is an equal opportunity institution. Information about our non-discrimination policies is available at: [olympic.edu/nondiscrimination-title-ix](http://olympic.edu/nondiscrimination-title-ix), 360-792-6050, 1600 Chester Ave., Bremerton, WA 98337-1699.

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*Jobs Available Immediately!*

*Complete in One Quarter!*

*Work in a High-Demand  
Career Field!*

  
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& BASIC STUDIES

Become a Nursing Assistant



## Work in a High Demand Field as a Nursing Assistant

### Your Future

In Washington State, nursing assistant (NA) employment is expected to grow faster than the average for all other jobs.

Nursing assistants find pleasure and reward in serving residents in hospitals, long-term care facilities and home health settings. Some NAs choose to pursue a career in nursing, using their training as valuable experience in becoming a successful nurse.

### Your Opportunities

Upon completion of the NA Program, you are eligible to take the state certification exam to become a certified nursing assistant in Washington State. Wages depend upon experience and place of employment and starting salaries range from \$13—\$16 per hour in Kitsap County.

### Wages

For median wages, labor market and wage data provided by the Washington State Employment Security Department go to:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata>

Interested in being a  
Nursing Assistant?

Check out the webpage!



## How to Get Started!

- **Attend an Information Session**  
Call 360-475-7554 or visit our website for dates, times and locations.  
<http://www.olympic.edu/nursing-assistant-certificate-recognition>
- **Register for classes**  
New students register in person at the Registration Office at the Bremerton or Shelton campus. Former or continuing students may register online using the Class Schedule Planner.
- **Contact the Cashier**  
Within five business days, pay online or in person, or call the cashier to arrange for payment.
- **Buy books**  
Buy books in person at the OC Bookstore or online:  
[www.ocbookstore.com](http://www.ocbookstore.com)
- **Obtain WATCH Background Check**  
A Washington State Patrol WATCH Background Inquiry must be submitted prior to enrollment or by the end of the NA 100 class:  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/wsp/watch>
- **Submit required clinical documentation**  
Proof of personal health, liability, malpractice insurance and written verification of all state and federal immunization requirements is required prior to beginning NA 120.
- **Pass DSHS Criminal History Background Check prior to NA 120**  
For a list of Disqualifying Convictions that will prevent you from working in a health care facility, visit the DSHS website:  
[www.dshs.wa.gov/fsa/background-check-central-unit/disqualifying-list-crimes-and-negative-actions](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/fsa/background-check-central-unit/disqualifying-list-crimes-and-negative-actions)

## Helpful Information

- Keep your job while gaining skills to increase your wage potential
- Classes and labs are 2 days per week
- Clinical practicum is 3-4 days per week
- Courses must be taken and passed consecutively to progress in the program
- Total program is 13 credits (200 contact hours)
- Students must be able to lift 50 pounds and be on their feet for up to 8 hours
- Successful completion of all courses in one quarter is encouraged. All courses MUST be passed within 12 months to be eligible for program completion
- Students who successfully complete the program:
  - Will receive a certificate of completion from the Washington State Department of Health
  - Are eligible to take the Nursing Assistant Certification examination
  - Can apply for the Olympic College Certificate of Recognition
  - Can use the program completion as one factor point in the admission process for the Practical Nursing Program

## Additional Costs

Students are responsible for program costs, which include tuition, fees, textbooks, uniforms, supplies, insurance and immunizations. See the Olympic College Nursing Assistant Program website for details. If you have questions regarding the stated costs, call or email the Program Director, Beth Gill, [bgill@olympic.edu](mailto:bgill@olympic.edu).