NURSING ASSISTANT COMPETENCY

Nursing Assistant competency is a requirement for several health care programs. Clinical course instructors find that students who have taken the Nursing Assistant course and/or worked as a Nursing Assistant are more comfortable working with patients and academically do better in their clinical courses. Several health care positions require that you are alone with patients who may be wheelchair bound and need assistance with the restroom or have an emergency that you need to handle safely. Having Nursing Assistant skills can give you the confidence in those situations.

Competency can be demonstrated in several ways:

- Taking a Nursing Assistant class at LTC and passing it with a C or better. (Classes are offered each semester. There is an admissions process to complete prior to registering for Nursing Assistant.)
- Taking a Nursing Assistant class elsewhere and submitting official transcripts showing a grade of C or better.
- Submitting a copy of your Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry Card.
- Submitting a copy of your Registry Exam Written and Skills results stating that you have passed (make sure your name is on the paperwork).
- Submitting documentation from the Nurse Aide Registry (www.pearsonvue.com) that you were on the registry, whether or not your certification is expired (Medical Assistant does not require recent Nursing Assistant skills; all other programs do).
- Completing a Nursing Assistant refresher course at LTC (offered July and November each year). Enrollment in the refresher course is not allowed if you have never taken the Nursing Assistant course.

All requirements can be submitted to the LTC Admissions Office, 1290 North Ave, Cleveland, WI 53105.

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