

PERSONAL CARE AIDE CERTIFICATE

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The personal care aide certificate is imbedded within the pre-requisite semester for the OTA, PTA, and RES curriculum to enable students to work part time in a health care field while completing the program. It can also be a stand-alone certificate for job-ready employment. Additionally, the certificate can be used to meet the technical requirements of the Associate degree in Health Care Technology.

Personal care aides monitor the condition of people with disabilities or chronic illnesses and help them with daily living activities. They can work in a variety of settings, including clients' homes, group homes, and day services programs. Most aides work full time, although part-time work is common. Work schedules may vary. Those working in certified home health, hospice or group home agencies will need to provide evidence of formal training as provided within the curriculum.

The certificate involves training and competency necessary for Ohio Medicaid services including:

- Patient care communication
- Vital Signs Assessment
- First aid and CPR
- Infection control – hand hygiene standard precautions and sterile technique
- Transfer techniques and bed mobility
- Lift equipment, body mechanics
- Positioning
- Ambulatory Aides and Wheelchairs
- Basic ADL training and home safety
- Managing basic medical equipment and sharps

- HIPPA
- Professionalism
- Medical Documentation and Evidence Based Practice
- Interdisciplinary medical team and roles
- Medical Ethics

Technical Standards

See here for details.

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First Year		Hours
First Semester		
BIO 1110	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BHS 1000	Introduction to Patient Care	2
Term Hours		6
Total Hours		6