Nurse Aide Information

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"The Nurse Aide Program is really fun and hands-on. The labs are great, the teachers are really helpful and there are so many resources available to us. I feel like once it's time for me to step out into the field, I'll have a really good idea understanding of what to do."—Kimani Spruill

A Nurse Aide (NA) is a valuable member of the health care team. Nurse Aides provide essential care to patients, clients, or residents in a facility or home setting while working under the supervision of a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse LPN.

The Durham Tech NA program prepare students at the NA I and NA II level for a rewarding career through classroom instruction, laboratory work and clinical rotations.

- NA I tasks (examples)
 - Bathing
 - Dressing
 - Feeding
 - Toileting
 - VS
 - Mobility

- NA II tasks (examples)
 - Catheterizations
 - Tracheostomy care/suctioning
 - IV set-up
 - Tube Feedings
 - Ostomy care
 - Oxygen set-up

Who makes a great Nurse Aide?

The art of caregiving includes strong communication skills, compassion, patience, physical stamina, and a love of working with and helping others.

Requirements for employment as a Nurse Aide I and Nurse Aide II

NA I: successful completion of a NA I course and state NA I exam (written and skills), leading to listing on NC NA I Registry.

NA II: completion of NA II course and listing on the NC NA II Registry

Employment opportunities for a NA's

- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Assisted Living Centers
 - Adult Day Cares
 - Doctor's offices
 - Hospitals
 - Home Care Agencies
 - Hospice

Employment of Nurse Aides (and orderlies) is projected to grow 9% in North Carolina with 8,200 job openings. Because of the growing elderly population, many Nurse Aides (and orderlies) will be needed in long-term care facilities.

In the North Carolina Triangle area, people working as Nurse Aides typically make \$27,200 annually.

NA Courses

NAI (seated and hybrid options) – Students learn the basic nursing skills required to care for patients in a variety of health care settings. Through classroom instruction, laboratory work, and clinical rotations, students prepare to pass the NC Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation, a requirement to be listed on the NC Nurse Aide I Registry.

NAI Hospital Based (seated and hybrid options) – designed for students who want to work in a fast-paced, intense hospital setting. Students should be task-oriented, self-motivated, and organized with excellent reading and computer skills. Additional vaccinations and screening are required: COVID, MMR, Td, Varicella, drug screen, health insurance, CPR certification.

NAS101 (curriculum NAI – seated and hybrid options) – The curriculum/credit NA I class allows students to earn 6 college credits. Many students who are pursuing their Associates Degree in Nursing will take this class along with the other prerequisite classes for the ADN program. It is a federal financial aide-eligible course.

NA II – The Nurse Aide II course prepares graduates to perform more complex and invasive patient care skills. Upon successful completion of the course students will be listed on the NC BON NA II registry for a small fee. Must be listed on the NC NA I registry prior to registering for course.

NA Refresher Courses

NAI Refresher— This course offers a review for individuals familiar with Nurse Aide I skills and concepts. Classes are designed to prepare students for the NC Nurse Aide I Competency Evaluation. Requirements: NA I registry listing expiration within past 5 years or unsuccessful attempt to pass state exam within past 2 years.

NAII Refresher-- The Nurse Aide II Refresher is designed to assess and validate NA II skills competencies for individuals whose NA II certification expired within the past 24 months. After successful completion of the course students will be eligible for reinstatement on the NA II registry.

Hybrid Classes

The lecture portion of a hybrid class is held online in Sakai. Therefore, students enrolled in Hybrid classes should be comfortable navigating and responding on a computer. Students are required to have access to a computer and reliable internet service. A cell phone cannot substitute for a computer.

Durham Tech offers discounted computers and a loaner laptop program: https://www.durhamtech.edu/coronavirus/computer-and-internet



Admission Qualifications

- For **non-credit NA I** courses, **one** of the following criteria must be met in order to enroll: high school diploma or equivalency certificate*, EFL073 or DRE097, or transcript documenting successful completion of a college-level English (ENG111 or higher).
- For **non-credit NA II** courses, see qualifications for NA I non-credit. Additionally, students must submit active NA I Registry listing, proof of health insurance, current BLS certification and HS diploma/equivalency.
- For **credit/curriculum NAS 101 and NAS 102** courses in the Nurse Aide Diploma Plan of Study, admission to the college is required.

Registration Locations:

Online or in person at Main, Orange County, or Duke St. North campuses

Non-US HS diploma: please visit the Center for the Global Learner

All courses (except refreshers) are composed of three parts 1) lecture 2) skills lab 3) clinical rotation. Non-credit class grades: (S) satisfactory or (NG) no grade. Credit classes earn letter grades.

Clinicals

NA I clinical rotations are held in a local healthcare facility (Skilled Nursing or hospital). Clinical hours may vary slightly from classroom hours. Clinical location assignments are at the discretion of the Clinical Coordinator.

NA 2 clinicals are held in local hospitals.

Clinical Requirements

- ☐ TB skin/blood test or neg. chest x-ray
- Hepatitis B vaccination or declination form (provided)
- Criminal Background Check
- ☐ COVID-19 Vaccination
- ☐ Flu shot (Spring and Fall)
- ☐ Social Security Number
- ☐ Government issued photo ID
- (NA 2 and Hospital-based NA I also need: MMR, Td, Varicella, drug screen, personal health insurance)

Equipment/supplies

Equipment/supplies required for NA I:

- Uniform—Students are required to be in uniform (hunter green scrubs) at all times. Lab jackets (optional) are also hunter green. White long-sleeved shirts are acceptable when worn under the scrubs. Two sets of scrubs are recommended.
- Shoes—Clean white or black closed heel shoes. Athletic shoes may have a little detail or color. For safety reasons, Crocs (or similar style) shoes are not allowed.
- Watch with a second hand. (Apple/Google watches are not allowed)
- Transfer/gait belt--nylon buckle or metal buckle are acceptable.
- Stethoscope
- Blood pressure cuff
- Notepad and pens—Regular-sized notepad for class/pocket-sized notepads for lab and clinical.
- **Textbook**—the text will be provided in class. The cost of the textbook is included in the registration fee.

Equipment/supplies required for NA II:

- Uniform—Students are required to be in uniform (hunter green scrubs) at all times. Lab jackets (optional) are also hunter green. White long-sleeved shirts are acceptable when worn under the scrubs. Two sets of scrubs are recommended.
- Shoes—Clean white or black closed heel shoes. Athletic shoes may have a little detail or color. For safety reasons, Crocs (or similar style) shoes are not allowed.
- Watch with a second hand. (Apple/Google watches are not allowed)
- Notepad and pens—Regular-sized notepad for class/pocket-sized notepads for lab and clinical.
- Textbook— may be purchased online or in the Durham Tech bookstore

Refresher students: no equipment necessary.

Any uniform may be worn for class.

Costs – NA I and NA II

*approximate cost

Registration Fee (non-credit NA I)	\$279.25
Registration Fee (non-credit NA II)	\$261.25
Registration Fee (curriculum)	\$519
State Registry NAI Exam Fee	\$140
NA I Textbook	included
NA II Textbook	\$120
Uniform and Equipment	\$85*
Criminal Background Check	\$25
Drug Screening	\$37
TB Skin Test	\$21*
NAII Registry Listing	\$24
Immunizations	Individually
	determined

Nurse Aide I Competency Exam

- Eligibility: successful completion of NA I course
- The cost of the exam is \$120.00.
- The exam includes two sections 1) written 2) skills competency demonstration.
- On passing the NNAAP exam, the graduate is listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry as a Certified Nurse Aide certification expires after two years.

Refresher courses - NA I and NA II

*fees subject to change

Registration Fee: NA I Refresher class	\$161.25*
Registration Fee: NA II Refresher	\$86*
State Registry NA I Exam Fee	\$140
NA II Registry listing	\$24

NA I Refresher: 44 hrs

NA II Refresher: 16 hrs

Non-credit Course Registration

- Check the website for the class schedule
- Email <u>nurseaide@durhamtech.edu</u> to request registration instructions
- Start collecting your admissions documents (diploma/equivalency/transcript, etc.) to upload to the secure document portal
- Apply for grants: https://www.durhamtech.edu/financial-aid/non-credit
- Submit documents after receiving instructions
- If you have a Durham Tech ID, we will lift your registration restriction for online registration
- For new students, we will register you for your selected class

