



***Health Assistant
Program Guide***
CIP Code # 51.3902

Standard Occupational Classifications	2015 Pennsylvania High Priority Occupations
31-1011 Home Health Aides 21-1022 Medical and Public Health Social Worker 31-2011 Occupational Therapist Assistant 31-1012 Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendant 31-2021 Physical Therapist Assistant 39-9021 Personal and Home Care Aide	21-1091 Health Educators ³ 29-1051 Pharmacists ³ 29-1141 Registered Nurse ³ 29-1126 Respiratory Therapist ³ 29-2011 Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians ³ 29-2012 Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists ³ 29-2031 Cardiovascular Technologist & Technician ³ 29-2041 Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic ³ 29-2052 Pharmacy Technicians ³ 29-2061 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse ³ 31-1014 Nursing Assistants ³ 31-2011 Occupational Therapy Assistant ³ 31-2021 Physical Therapist Assistant ³ 29-2032 Diagnostic Medical Sonographer ³
Industry Accreditation	Student Certifications
National Healthcare Association (NHA)	ECTS Program Completer or Participant Pennsylvania Skills Certificate Provisional EKG Technician (CET) from NHA American Red Cross CPR Certificate National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (NRFSP) Food Safety Manager Certificate CareerSafe 10 Hour OSHA Certificate

Key: ¹Statewide HPO ²Regional HPO ³Both Statewide and Regional HPO

For more information, go to: <http://online.onetcenter.org/find/family?f=17&g=Go>

Expected Characteristics and Traits for Success

Students preparing to enter the Health Assistant field will be working in one of the most rapidly growing fields of education and employment opportunities. The Health Assistant program is designed to prepare the student for entry level employment by learning basic patient care skills, concepts and terms needed in the health field. Because this is a performance-based occupation, personal characteristics of the student must be carefully considered. Students entering this program should possess the following traits:

- Has excellent attendance (95% or above is Industry Standards)
- Is physically fit (able to lift 50 pounds by themselves & remain on their feet for long periods of time)
- Should have 9th grade reading skills
- Should have 9th grade science skills
- Should have 9th grade math skills
- Is able to follow written and verbal instructions
- Must communicate well in writing and verbally
- Must be “safety conscious” for giving direct patient care
- Must be able to work as part of a team.
- Must have organizational skills.
- Must be a self-starter that is able to stay on task.
- Will need uniform and leather shoes to meet daily uniform requirements.

Students order their own clothing during the first year through the ECTS link on Uniforms USA website- details given every year in a letter mailed home by the instructor.



Cargo elastic waist pants must be ordered in Caribbean Blue, there are both female and male pants available. Estimated cost is \$20.



Unisex Scrub Top must be ordered in white.

Estimated cost is \$12.

Lab jackets may be ordered- optional.



All white leather shoes are required. They must be closed-toe and closed-heel shoes, estimated cost is \$30. Local retail stores carry these.

General school supplies are expected to be provided by the student- index cards, pens, pencils, notebooks, clear enclosures, glue sticks, plastic storage box with a lid. A list is provided to students each July.

Optional Student Certifications

Food Safety Manager Certification: Students who elect to pursue this certification will be required to meet all certification requirements as well as curriculum hours. This instruction will be scheduled at the convenience of the instructor.

CareerSafe 10 Hour OSHA General Healthcare certification will be required of all seniors. This will be scheduled at the convenience of the instructor.