**Certified Nursing Assistant**

**Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School**

**Syllabus 2023-2024**

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to introduce students to the healthcare field of nursing assistant. Learning takes place in the classroom with didactic instruction, and the skills lab where students will learn and practice patient care skills. Students will then spend at least 32 hours in several clinical sites with 16 hours in a skilled nursing facility. This prepares students to take the Idaho State Skills and Written Competency Exam and students are strongly encouraged to take these exams at the end of the semester upon completion of the nursing assistant course.

The curriculum is designed in accordance with the fundamental nursing competencies dictated by the 2021 Idaho Nursing Assistant Curriculum and current Career Technical Education program standards. It is organized into 17 modules, each addressing vocabulary, student learning objectives and skills.

An individual is considered competent when they can safely and effectively perform the required activity following accepted standards of care.

**Instructional Method:**

Students will meet course competencies through a combination of:

* Class lectures and discussions
* Instructional videos with associated questions or writing assignments
* Individual and group projects
* Skills practice in the lab setting with demonstration and student-return

demonstration of specific skills

* Guest speakers and field trips when applicable

**Text and Required** **Supplies**

Nursing Assisting: A Foundation in Caregiving 5th edition, by Diana Dugan, RN

Reading is an important part of this class - we will follow the chapters in sequence. **Students MUST bring this provided book to each class!**

**Grading and Evaluation**

The student’s grade will be determined by:

* Class assignments and homework
* Projects
* Textbook reading
* Participation and behavior
* Clinical participating and journaling
* Tests and quizzes
* Clinical preparation
* Avoidance of tardiness in both the classroom and clinical setting

**Weighted Grades**

* Tests/Quizzes 60%
* Clinical Experience 20%
* Skills Checklist 15%
* In-Class Participation 5%

Mastery of the theory portion of the curriculum is evaluated by written exams and quizzes.

Mastery of skills performance must be demonstrated with 100% accuracy in the classroom laboratory setting prior to being eligible to go into the clinical setting.

Students have 3 opportunities to pass the skills portion of the Idaho state Nursing Assistant certification test within 6 months after the course is completed. Students must pass the skills portion before being eligible to take the written exam. If the test is not passed by the third attempt, the student is not allowed to take the written exam and is not eligible to receive the Nursing Assistant certification without retaking a nursing assistant course.

The written portion of the exam must be passed within one year of completion of the course.

Advanced Opportunity funds (Fast Forward Funds) will pay for the first attempt of both the skills and written exam.

**Clinical Grading**

Students in the nursing assistant course are required by the state of Idaho to participate in 40 clinical/skills hours in different health care settings in our community. Students are required to meet all vaccine requirements of our community health care partner sites. As of 2022, all community health care partner sites require students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Attendance and Punctuality are critical to the clinical grade!**

Absences will need to be made up! The students must take the initiative to get the makeup scheduled with a facility and may not be at the same facility as originally scheduled.

Students may earn a total of 50 points for each clinical participation experience.

Clinical grade is determined as follows:

Attendance/Punctuality 25 points/day

Participation 10 points/day

Dress Code 5 points/day

* Name badge
* MMACHS CNA scrubs
* Wristwatch with second hand (no digital)
* White or black shoes

Clinical observation/Sign-off 10 points/day

**Late work and Grading**

* Students who are absent will receive a 0 (zero) in PowerSchool for any assignments missed until they have been turned in and graded
* Students who are absent for a quiz or exam will have 1 week from the date of the quiz or exam to make it up. The student must schedule an appointment with the instructor outside of class time to make up a quiz or exam. Any quizzes or exams not made up within that week will receive a score of a zero unless prior arrangements have been made with and approved by the instructor.
* If a student has an extenuating circumstance necessitating a late submission, **it is the student’s responsibility to discuss it with me BEFORE the assignment is due.**
* Students will be required to demonstrate mastery of vital signs (VS). These VS are done outside of the classroomand goes under tests/quizzes. This is due prior to starting clinicals and the exact date will be explained to you. **I WILL NOT TAKE THIS IS A LATE ASSIGNMENT. IT WILL BE GIVEN A ZERO. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Discipline Policy**

Students are required to follow all classroom and school policies per the MMACHS student handbook. While rare, students who do not comply or are active in a disruptive or inappropriate way will be dealt with immediately.

**Dress Code**

I feel strongly about the dress code. This course is a hands-on course and not following the dress code could pose safety issues. If you cannot follow the dress code, then clothes will be provided for you to wear during class or you will be instructed to leave until the dress code is upheld.

\*\*\*I am available by appointment and email to answer any questions be of help to you. Please check PowerSchool regularly to assess your academic performance. I look forward to working with you in creating the next generation of health professionals. \*\*\*

# **“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.” --Artistole**

My signature below indicates I have read and agree with the contents of this syllabus regarding the CNA course at MMACHS for 2022-2023.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_