

# Nursing Assistants

**Entry wages (2014):** \$11.30 per hour or \$23,504 annually

**Projected growth (2015-2025):** Faster than average 21.9% in Tarrant County

## What will you do?

Provide basic patient care under the direction of nursing staff. Perform such duties as feed, bathe, dress, groom, or move patients, or change linens. May transfer or transport patients. Includes nursing care attendants, nursing aides, and nursing attendants.

## Where will you work?

Nursing assistants work in hospitals, nursing homes, residents assisted living facilities, hospice, local or state medical facilities and nursing facilities or correctional facilities. They are supervised by a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) or Registered Nurse (RN).

## What Experience do you need?

This is a great entry-level occupation to begin a career in healthcare. Many employers have education programs to help you continue your education once you've been employed for a certain amount of time. State certification **is required** for a Nursing Assistant. The state agency over certification for Nursing Assistants is the **Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities (DADs)**. DADs will not allow an individual to take the certification test unless they have gone to training at a DADs approved education program.

## What type of Job Training do I need?

As stated above, state certification is required for a Nursing Assistant. Potential nursing assistants must complete an approved DADs training or approved program for recertification/reactivation on the Nurse Aide Registry (NAR). For approved training providers, go to https:

<https://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/nf/credentialing/NATCEP/credtraining.cfm>. Like with many healthcare occupations, this occupation requires on-going training to maintain certification.

*Returning or Current Nursing Assistants:* To be considered employable, DADs further directs providers, employers and Nursing Assistants to verify employability of nursing assistants at Employability Status Check Website at <https://emr.dads.state.tx.us/DadsEMRWeb/>. Recertification is dependent on which of the four organizations was attended and completed.



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## What else should I know?

There are specific criminal convictions that are not allowable for employment as a Nursing Assistant. Go to <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/hiringbars/index.html> to see the full list.

# Approved Tarrant County Training Programs

Provider	Program Name	Hours (Contact/Credit)	Cost	Pell Eligible
Tarrant County College-South	Nurse Aide	90/0	\$458.00	No
Teamwork Services	Nurse Aide	100/0	\$701.00	No
Roham Medical Careers, LLP	Nurse Aide Program	100/0	\$750.00	No
Stone Academy	Nurse Aide	104/0	\$900.00	No
Arlington Career Institute	Nursing Assistant Program	150/0	\$945.00	No
Brightwood College	Nurse Aide	120/0	\$959.00	No
Teamwork Services	Patient Care Technician	400/0	\$2,500.00	No
University of TX at Arlington, Div of Continuing Education	Certified Nursing Assistant	150/0	\$3,700.00	No
University of TX at Arlington, Div of Continuing Education	Certified Patient Care Technician/ Certified Phelebotomy Technician/Certified ECG/EKG Technician	420/0	\$8,223.00	No

The cost of training reflected on this page is set by the training provider and does not reflect Tarrant County WIOA funding amounts. All services are subject to availability and funding.

\*This information is subject to change. See a Workforce Center Career Counselor for more information.



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