

CERTIFICATE IN NURSING & HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT: BASIC DETAILS

It is a paramedical course. DNCA is a certificate course. After completing the course, one won't become a registered nurse. One will be able to work under nurses and Doctors.

Nursing care assistants are allied healthcare professionals. They are not as qualified as registered nurses (RN).

Nursing care assistants are also known as nurse aides. They work alongside or under the supervision of qualified nurses (RNs) and Doctors.

In short, they work in tandem with Doctors and RNs. They usually are part of the nursing teams serving at hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

Nursing care assistants' main tasks include-

Carry out tasks/instructions given by Doctors or nurses (RNs)

Serve meals to patients

Take care of patient hygiene (bathing them, cleaning their rooms, groom them etc)

Arrange equipment and accessories in patients' rooms

Record patients' body stats (pulse, weight, blood pressure etc)

Administer medications

Communicate with patients and their family members

Take patients for tests and treatment processes

To thrive in this profession, one must possess qualities and traits like-
Genuine caring attitude towards patients

Good communication skills
Technical known-how Nursing knowledge

Stamina and willingness to work for long hours (sometimes at odd timings)
Patience

COURSE DURATION

Depending upon the institute, course duration could be anywhere between 6 to 12 months.
Generally the course is 6 months long.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

10th passed (or equivalent) from a recognized board is the minimum educational qualification required.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Depending upon the institute, it could be direct admission process of merit based admission process.

SUBJECTS

SL NO	SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME
1	DNCA101	Advance Concept of Nursing
2	DNCA102	Essentials for Nursing
3	DNCA103	Nursing & Electronic
4	DNCA104	Nursing Management
5	DNCA105	Nursing & Care
6	DNCA106	Nursing Assistant

Practical's

SL NO	SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME
1	Practical 1	Clinical Requirement -Minimum of (40) hours of clinical time working with residents or patients.
2	Practical 2	Analysis of Records and Reports.
3	Practical 3	Practically Serve meals, make beds and keep rooms clean.
4	Practical 4	Create Patient Health Record File

5	Practical 5	Viva & Internal Assessment
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CAREER PROSPECTS AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Diverse job opportunities exist in front of nursing care assistants. Government and private sector job opportunities are available in front of them.

Nursing care or Health Care assistants/aides are usually hired by hospitals (Government and private), clinics, nursing homes, CHCs (Community Health Centres) and NGOs. Under such work setups, they function under the supervision and guidance of registered nurses and Doctors.

Nursing care assistants may also serve under home nurses.

SALARY

Starting salary depends on factors like job location, profile of the employer and employee skills. Depending upon the above mentioned factors, starting salary of nursing care assistants could be anywhere between 5-8K Rupees per month.