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Q: What is an NA?

A: NA stands for 'nursing assistant'. An NA will register with the state to become an NAR in order to work in certain health care facilities.

Q: What is an NAR?

A: NAR stands for 'Nursing Assistant-Registered'. This means you have applied to the Department of Health-Nursing Commission for a nursing assistant-registration license to be eligible to begin working in health care, and/or while attending a training program.

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Q: What is an NAC?

A: NAC stands for 'Nursing Assistant-Certified'. This means you have successfully completed a nursing assistant training program and have also passed both the written and skills test required by the state and have been issued a license to practice as an NAC.

Q: Is an NAC the same thing as a CNA?

A: Yes. In the past Nursing Assistants were referred to as a Certified Nursing Assistant but the state now lists the profession first then the credential.

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Q: How long does the training program take?

A: Class & laboratory time approximately four weeks & scheduling of facility-based clinical training hours can be from the fifth to eight week depending on many variables and scheduling issues including the student, instructors, and nursing homes.

Q: If I'm busy and can't attend class during the day how can I make it up?

A: Every effort must be made to attend the stream you are registered for. An absence may prevent a certificate of completion until the training hours are made up.

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Q: What types of payments are accepted?

A: At the school we accept cash, money orders, personal checks, and credit & debit cards. Personal checks and money orders may be mailed.

Q: Can I pay my registration, tuition, lab and clinical fees by installment?

A: Yes. The registration fee of \$50 is refundable if the student notifies the school to cancel classes within 5 business days prior to the beginning of class. Half of the tuition is due prior to first class and the second half may be paid in installments for up to 3 weeks after first class.

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Q: How old do I have to be to attend the program?

A: 16 years old and above. However, the 16 year old will require formal parental consent.

Q: Do you require a uniform to attend classes?

A: No clothing restrictions apply except that students are to dress decently for the school.

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Q: What do I need to bring with me on the first day of class?

A: Any outstanding fees, a note book and pen to take notes.

Q: How long is my training good for in Washington State?

A: Maximum of two years. However, if you have not taken the state examination within six months after completion of your training, a refresher course may be necessary subject to changes to the eligibility of the state examination.

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Q: Is my training good for another state?

A: This depends on the number of hours and curriculum, and whether, or not, you received a license to practice as a nursing assistant. If you are registered as a NA by the State of Washington check from the National Directory of Nurse Aid Registry whether an 'Interstate Endorsement' form is required by the state you are transferring to.

Q: Can I apply if English is not my first language?

A: Yes. ESL is acceptable as long as the applicant can read, write, speak and comprehend English well enough so that a patient would be able to understand directions being given during care

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