



Explore a Career as a **NURSING ASSISTANT**

What do Nursing Assistants do?

Wherever there is a need for personal care, nursing assistants are there. Nursing assistants help patients of all ages perform the most basic daily tasks. They work under a nurse's supervision. Nursing assistants have extensive daily contact with each patient, and therefore play a key role in their lives. They keep the nurse up to date on vital information about the patients' conditions. Some nursing assistants also may dispense medication, depending on their training level and the state in which they work. In nursing homes and residential care facilities, nursing assistants are often the principal caregivers. They have more contact with residents than other members of the staff.

Training & Educational Opportunities

Nursing assistants must complete a state-approved education program in which they learn the basic principles of nursing and complete supervised clinical work to earn a certificate. Nursing assistants may be required to pass a background check.

As a Nursing Assistant you will:

- Clean and bathe patients or residents
- Help patients use the toilet and dress
- Listen to and record patients' health concerns and report that information to nurses
- Measure patients' vital signs, such as blood pressure and temperature
- Serve meals and help patients eat
- Turn, reposition, and transfer patients between beds and wheelchairs

Nursing Assistants are in demand in Livingston County!

Livingston County
employment of
Nursing assistants
is expected
to increase
through
2032.

Nursing Assistant

Training Providers

The following certified training providers offer programs and certifications to train for a career as a nursing assistant:

- Heartland Community College
- Illinois Central College
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- Midwest Technical Institute
- Parkland College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire nursing assistants in Livingston County, including:

- Assisted living homes
- Community based long-term care facilities
- Correctional institutions
- Hospice providers
- Hospitals

Wages & Openings

Nursing Assistant Employment Data for Livingston County

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| Average Starting Hourly Wage | \$16.43 |
| Average Hourly Wage With Experience | \$20.62 |
| Average Annual Job Openings Livingston County | 192 |
| Annual Job Openings Bloomington Peoria Region | 359 |

Opportunities

After earning your nursing assistant certificate, you will have many opportunities for advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Registered Nurse



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