



# ***Health Occupations Program***

This course introduces basic skills to prepare students for a solid foundation in the health care field. Students receive instruction in the fundamentals of patient care in both theory and clinical practice. The student will develop basic skills in body mechanics, medical asepsis, ethics, safety, medical terminology, as well as personal care to patients. Participation in clinical practice at local health care facilities provides the student with actual hands-on experience in a variety of situations. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the written examination for nurse assistant certification. The units of instruction will include the role of the nurse assistant, geriatric aide, and home health aide including skills related to observing and reporting. In addition the student will learn about care of equipment and supplies, policies and procedures, special feeding techniques, psychological support during long-term and terminal illness, as well as other basic nursing skills.

## **Bonus:**

This program is state certified, that includes a minimum of 40 hours of supervised training in actual health care facilities and a minimum of 80 hours of class and lab time. Those completing the Health Occupations Program at Galesburg Area Vocational Center are eligible to test for the Nursing Assistant Certificate as certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Students can also earn admission points when enrolling in the nursing program at Carl Sandburg College.



## **Job Outlook:**

Employment in the health care field is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations as the industry expands due to technological advances in medicine and a growing and aging population. Any student completing the Health Occupations Program will have an open door into the medical field. Newspapers are filled with ads for certified nursing assistants. Many incentives are offered to CNAs, and this provides earning power while you complete higher education goals. Completion of this course aids in preparation for many programs in the medical field.