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Title: **Nurse Aide Career Studies Certificate**  
Type: Change to courses required in program of study. Electives removed and replaced with PSY 201, PSY 230, and BIO 142  
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## NURSE AIDE

**Program:** Nurse Aide  
**Award:** Career Studies Certificate  
**Plan Code:** 221-157-04  
**Length:** Twenty-five (25) credit hours  
**Lead Faculty:** Cheryl Drake

**Purpose:** The Nurse Aide program is designed to prepare persons for full-time employment as nursing assistants.

**Occupational Objective:** Nursing Assistant

**Admissions Requirements:** Students must meet the general admission requirements of the College, be in good general health and capable of strenuous lifting. Students must submit a separate application to the nursing department for approval prior to beginning nurse aide (HCT) classes. Students must have and maintain an overall 2.5 GPA to be admitted to nurse aide program. Students must submit copies of all high school or GED scores and college transcripts.

**Financial Requirement:** In addition to the usual college tuition and fee, this program requires the following estimated expenses:

Uniforms	\$50
Books	\$200
Health/Physical Examination	Varies
AHA BCLS CPR Certification (good for two years)	\$144.65
Criminal & Sex Offender Background & Drug Screening Check	\$100

**Developmental Studies:** To ensure that each student has the proper educational basis to succeed in the nurse aide course, all students must take placement tests in mathematics, written English, and reading.

Students must take any developmental courses recommended in the evaluation of the placement test scores. For further information see Development Studies. It is important that these developmental courses are completed as quickly as possible so that the student will be appropriately prepared to pursue this program of study. A review of the catalog requirements at PDCCC for the Nurse Aide Career Studies Certificate would be appropriate to both assist and guide a prospective student.

<b>Nurse Aide (221-157-04)</b> <i>Required Courses</i>		
HCT 101	Health Care Technician I	4
HCT 102	Health Care Technician II	4
EMT 109 or HLT 105	CPR for Healthcare Providers	1
ENG 111	College Composition I <sup>1</sup>	3
ITE 115	Intro. Computer App. & Concepts <sup>2</sup>	3
PSY 201 or equivalent	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 230 or equivalent	Developmental Psychology	3
BIO 142	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	<b>Total Minimum Credits</b>	<b>25</b>
<sup>1</sup> May substitute ENG 101 <sup>2</sup> May substitute AST elective <sup>3</sup> Choose From any HLT, HCT, or MDL courses, SDV 106 or HMS 231. One CST course may be used to fulfill elective requirements.		

