Important Program Information

Mandatory orientation Meeting: Monday, July 29, 2019

Online sign-ups for orientation begin: May 6, 2019

Online sign-ups for orientation end: June 6, 2019, or when seats are filled.

Program start date: Friday August 30, 2019

*Sign-ups for orientation are accepted on a first come first serve basis.

The Nurse Assistant Program is being offered at MJC and Columbia College via video conferencing

*In order to attend the nurse assistant mandatory orientation at either campus, you must be a current MJC student. For information on how to apply for admission to MJC please click here. https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/enrollment/applyforadmission.php

Please Note: Sign-ups for orientation does not guarantee enrollment.

*ONLY STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION AND HEALTH CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY FOR ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

• Apply for Admission to Modesto Junior College (prior to mandatory orientation)

• Attend the nurse assistant program mandatory orientation

• Be at least sixteen (16) years of age

Attendance Policy

• The attendance policy is to ensure that the students meet The California Department of Public Health’s required 60 hours of theory and 100 hours of clinical training. Students will be given an opportunity to make up class time and assignments.

• Students must attend the mandatory orientation

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HEALTH CLEARANCE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NURSE 52

Detailed instructions for completing the health clearance as well as the deadline for health clearances will be provided at the orientation.

1. Physical and Health History Form:
   a. The History and Physical must be completed within 3 months prior to program start date.
   b. The Provider’s NPI number and signature must be included on the form.

2. Influenza Vaccine
   a. Documentation of a current flu vaccination is required during flu season (October 1st - April 30th)

3. TB Screening-Two-step TST:
   a. The first TST is placed and then a reading is obtained within 48-72 hours. If negative, a second TST is placed 7 days after the first TST was READ. The second TST reading is obtained within 48-72 hours after placement.
   b. The last TST must be completed within 3 months prior to program start date.

4. Chest X-ray:
   a. If you have a history of positive TST you will need to obtain a chest x-ray for your TB clearance.
   b. Your chest x-ray must be dated within 6 months prior to your clearance due date and must include a written report indicating no active disease is present.

5. Quantiferon TB Gold or TSpot:
   a. In some cases, you may also provide TB clearance through use of positive reactor screenings such as the Quantiferon TB Gold or T-Spot screenings.

Quantiferon TB Gold or T-spot screenings must be negative for the disease and be dated within 3 months prior to program start date.

FINGERPRINTING/BACKGROUND CHECK

• All students participating in clinical assignments are required to complete a criminal background check and Live Scan to be cleared by The California Department of Public Health
• Complete the nurse assistant certification application (CDPH-283B)
• Nurse Assistant students will receive the required forms and instructions on completing the CDPH 283B application on the day of orientation.

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DRUG SCREEN REQUIREMENTS

● Students entering the nurse assistant program shall complete a “10-panel” drug screen prior to beginning the clinical portion of the MJC Nurse Assistant program.

The drug screen must include screening for the following:

1. Amphetamines (1000 ng/mL SCREEN)
2. Barbiturates
3. Benzodiazepines
4. Cocaine Metabolites
5. Marijuana Metabolites (50 ng/mL SCREEN)
6. Methadone
7. Methaqualone
8. Opiates (2000 ng/mL Screen)
9. Phencyclidine
10. Propoxyphene

● Students who test positive for any of the above substances on the initial 10-panel drug screen will have one additional opportunity to complete a negative drug screen. Students who fail to clear the 10-panel drug screen on the second attempt will be denied entrance into the clinical setting and dismissed from the nurse assistant program. Disqualified students should make an appointment for an exit interview with the nurse assistant program director.

● Verification of satisfactory results will be honored by all long-term care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities for the duration of the student’s enrollment in the nurse assistant program if the participating student has not had a break in the enrollment at the college.

● Disqualified students may reapply for the program the next application period. Students will need to complete a new program application and attend the mandatory orientation. Acceptance will be conditional on clearing all health related requirements, including the 10-panel drug screen.

● Results of a positive drug screen will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law.
CRIMINAL CONVICTION POLICY FOR DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION

Any student considering a career as a Nurse Assistant who has a criminal record is advised to go to The California Department of Public Health website at www.cdph.ca.gov and search Disqualifying Penal Code Sections prior to entering the Nurse Assistant Program.

TO REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR PRIOR CONVICTION(S) OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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