



ARIZONA WESTERN ENTREPRENEURIAL COLLEGE

Nursing Assistant Application Instruction Sheet.

Starting the Process of Applying to the Nursing Assistant Program

To be eligible to apply for the AWC (Arizona Western College) Nursing Assistant Program, follow these steps:

Incomplete applications will be denied

Step 1: Attend a Nursing Assistant Information Session

1. Attend at least one information session (Mandatory).
 - Information sessions are held periodically throughout each semester.
 - Visit the AWC Nursing Assistant website for session dates and times:
<https://www.azwestern.edu/degrees-and-certificates/nursing-assistant>
 - Information session attendance is valid for six months. If you attended a session over six months ago, you must attend another one.
 - Ensure your name is shown in the Zoom room to receive attendance credit.
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Step 2: Meet Reading and Math Requirements

2. Provide **ONE** from **EACH** category below:
 - **Reading Eligibility**
 - Next-Generation Accuplacer Test – Reading score of 219 or higher
 - **OR** Grade C or higher in ENG 090, ENG 101, or ENG 107
 - **OR** HESI A2 exam within last 6 months – English composite score of 75% or higher
 - **Math Eligibility:**
 - Next-Generation Accuplacer Test stating eligibility for MAT 105 or higher
 - **OR** Grade C or higher in Mat 81 or higher

- **OR** HESI A2 exam within last 6 months – Math composite score of 75% or higher
 - If you are using a previous math and or English course to meet this requirement, **SUBMIT** a copy of your unofficial AWC transcript showing that the English and Math requirement has been completed. If you took required courses at another institution, that course **MUST** be approved by AWC in advance and noted on your current AWC unofficial transcript. The Nursing Assistant Program will not be responsible for evaluating transfer courses. For questions on transferring courses, seek assistance from the AWC Transfer Service department.
 - Screenshots of your student planning screen will not be accepted.
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Step 3: Apply for AZ DPS IVP Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card

3. Apply early, as processing can take up to 8 weeks.
 - Visit AZ DPS Fingerprint to apply: <https://www.azdps.gov/services/public-services-portal/fingerprint-clearance-card>
 - Use electronic fingerprints for faster processing (recommended).
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Step 4: Provide a Current CPR Card

4. Obtain an American Heart Association BLS Provider card OR Heartcode Complete BLS Provider card. No other CPR courses will be accepted.
 - For a list of CPR courses offered by AWC, visit here: <https://www.azwestern.edu/workforce-ed/industry-certifications/cpr-basic-life-support-bls>
 - Students may elect to take a CPR course from another community provider.
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Step 5: Complete Health and Safety Requirements

5. Complete the following health and safety requirements:
 - **Urine Drug Screen Test (within 30 days of submitting application):**
 - Purchase a rapid 10-panel (or higher) urine drug screen at a local facility (e.g., Agile Occupational Medicine, BIO Family, Sonora Quest, or LabCorp).
 - **2 separate TB Skin Test or Chest X-ray:**
 - Obtain a 2-step TB skin test:
 1. First visit: Bring TB form. Pay for a TB test and get the forearm injection. Be sure to have the facility fill out “Date Placed”, “Time”, “Site”, “Lot #”, “Expiration Date”, and “Initials”.

2. Second visit (48-72 hours later): Bring the same TB form previously used and return to read results. Be sure to have facility fill out "Date Read", "Time", "Erythema", "Induration", "Initials", "Pass/Fail", "Provider Signature", and "Date". Submit completed TB form under TB Test 1 within the online application.
 3. Third Visit (7-21 days from the first injection): Bring new blank TB Form. Pay for another TB test and get another injection. Be sure to have the facility fill out "Date Placed", "Time", "Site", "Lot #", "Expiration Date", and "Initials".
 4. Fourth visit (48-72 hours after the third visit): Bring the same TB form previously used during Third Visit and return to read results. Be sure to have facility fill out "Date Read", "Time", "Erythema", "Induration", "Initials", "Pass/Fail", "Provider Signature", and "Date". Submit completed TB form under TB Test 2 within the online application.
- If any of the TB tests are positive OR you have previously had a positive TB test, obtain a Chest X-ray & MD clearance of **NO active TB**. Upload the results under both TB Test 1 and TB Test 2.
 - Ensure all tests are within 12 months of the semester start.
- **Vaccination Records:**
- **Varicella (chickenpox) Vaccine Series:**
 - Obtain records from your childhood physician or the Yuma County Immunization Clinic. Record must show complete series (minimum of 2).
 - If records are unavailable, purchase an IgG Varicella Titer blood test or receive the vaccine.
 - Declination form is available for this requirement.
 - **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Vaccine Series:**
 - Obtain records from your childhood physician or the Yuma County Immunization Clinic. Records must show complete series (minimum of 2).
 - If records are unavailable, purchase an IgG MMR Titer blood test or receive the vaccine series
 - Declination form is not available for this requirement.
 - **Hepatitis B Vaccine Series:**
 - Obtain records from your childhood, current physician, or the Yuma County Immunization Clinic. Record must show complete series (minimum of 2).
 - If records are unavailable, purchase an IgG Hep B Titer blood test or receive the vaccine.
 - Declination form is available for this requirement.
 - **Seasonal Flu Vaccine:**
 - Vaccines **MUST** be from the current season
 - Only applies for Fall and Spring courses.
 - If you did not receive the vaccine during the current season, you must sign and submit a declination form

- **COVID-19 Vaccine:**
 - Vaccines do not have to be current
 - Declination form is available for this requirement.
 - **TB Forms and Declination Forms are available under “Program Documents.”**
 - <https://www.azwestern.edu/degrees-and-certificates/nursing-assistant>
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Step 6: Government Picture ID and Permission Documents

6. Provide a government picture ID.
 - Visit Nursing Assistant Documents for acceptable forms of ID:<https://www.azbn.gov/licenses-certifications/citizenship-and-alien-status>
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Step 7: Student Information Release Form and Drug Test Form

7. Sign the consent forms for releasing information to clinical facilities and for the drug test.
 - Use blue or black ink or an online signature service.
 - Access forms under “Nursing Assistant Documents.”
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Step 8: Fill out and Submit the Online Application

8. Visit our [nursing assistant website](#) and apply using the application link.
 - Complete the application fully.
 - Upload all required documents.
 - Ensure the application is complete and no documents are missing to avoid the application being denied.
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These steps will ensure a complete and timely application to the AWC Nursing Assistant Program.