



Methodist College
UnityPoint Health

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Admission Process:

- Complete the online application for admission and pay the application fee at www.MethodistCol.edu/apply

Nursing Assistant applicants only:

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- High School Diploma or GED
- Current High School Students - GPA of 2.5/4.0
- 8th grade reading level *(as determined by placement exam, SAT/ACT score, or earned college credits)*

Gerontology and Medical Assistant:

- Submit transcripts from high school and all colleges attended. *(Students with an earned associate degree or higher do not need to submit a high school transcript. Students with 30 earned college credits can submit unofficial high school/GED transcripts.)*
- Submit ACT or SAT scores *(Medical Assistant applicants with less than 12 college credits; Gerontology applicants with less than 30 college credits)*

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With careers in healthcare leading many “top job” national rankings, Methodist College is positioned to lead the way in healthcare education.

At Methodist College we prepare students to have successful careers in healthcare or human services. Known as a premier college in nursing education, we have developed certificate programs that provide a career pathway into the medical field by educating caregivers and administrative and clinical workers who work in medical office or hospital settings.

- **Gerontology Certificate** - prepares individuals to provide services appropriate for an increasingly aging population.
- **Medical Assistant Certificate** - prepares students to complete administrative and clinical tasks in a variety of healthcare environments.
- **Nursing Assistant Certificate** - prepares students to provide basic care for patients in a variety of healthcare settings.

METHODIST COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

MEDICAL ASSISTANT:

- The Medical Assistant Certificate program has several pathways for admission. Please speak to a Recruitment Coordinator for more information.

GERONTOLOGY:

- High school GPA of 2.5/4.0
- Minimum ACT score of 19 or SAT score of 980
- Students who have earned college credit must have a GPA of 2.0/4.0 or greater

GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

The Gerontology Certificate Program at Methodist College is for individuals who wish to develop careers in the field of aging, those already employed or active in gerontology or related fields who wish to enhance their career paths, and those seeking challenging and meaningful career changes in response to new opportunities created by an aging society.

The Methodist College Gerontology Certificate can be completed alone or can be embedded in a student's current academic plan toward completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS), or the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). Students can maintain either full-time or part-time status. The program includes:

14 Credit Hours

For information on Admission Requirements visit:
www.MethodistCol.edu/gerontology-certificate

MEDICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

Medical Assistants manage administrative responsibilities such as greeting patients, updating medical records and arranging for patient's appointments with labs and various healthcare providers. Medical Assistants also conduct clinical duties such as basic lab work, preparing patients for procedures, preparing and administering medications, and assisting medical personnel. Students develop basic clinical skills and proper patient interaction.

Students can be either full-time or part-time status. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for a certification exam by a nationally recognized credentialing organization to become a Certified Medical Assistant. The program includes:

46 Credit Hours

For information on Admission Requirements visit:
www.MethodistCol.edu/medical-assistant

NURSING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

The Methodist College Nursing Assistant program includes one course (NA150) that prepares students to deliver patient care on a team led by a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in a patient care environment, including hospitals, extended care facilities, home care agencies and other related organizations.

Students receive skills training in:

- Patient-nursing assistant relationships;
- Taking and recording vital signs
- Bathing, feeding, dressing, and transporting patients in hospitals and nursing homes
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation

The NA150 course is taught over a nine-week period, and is traditionally offered evenings and weekends during the fall and spring semesters, and weekday mornings during the summer semester.

Students will spend:

90 Hours in a classroom, lab, or simulation setting learning theory and clinical skills.

45 Hours in a clinical placement in a hospital and/or local long-term facility.

For information on Admission Requirements visit:
www.MethodistCol.edu/nursing-assistant

STUDENT LIFE

Methodist College offers opportunities for students to get involved in student life through groups such as the Student Government Association and the Multicultural Student Association. Students can also participate in a variety of activities including career fairs, arts events, the annual Multicultural Fair, community service projects, the EDGE Run, and social opportunities.