



# CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA) TRAINING PROGRAM: THE HYBRID COURSE

Shares information about the  
NURSA 1105-HYB course at  
College of DuPage.

# GOALS

Make an informed decision about enrolling in the NURSA 1105 hybrid course.

From here you will know how to:

- Identify a hybrid course offering.
- Self-assess your readiness to learn online.
- Prepare for online learning.



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# HYBRID LEARNING

Before deciding to enroll in the hybrid course, you should consider several important issues:

- 1) How is a hybrid course different from a traditional course?
- 2) What type of learner must I be to successfully complete these courses?
- 3) What technical issues should I be aware of for these courses?

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# WHAT IS A HYBRID COURSE?

Hybrid courses are NOT self-paced courses.

Hybrid courses follow a structured content and assignment calendar.

Approximately half of the learning occurs in the classroom/lab and clinical site while the other half requires students to work online.

Content is delivered through the textbook, World Wide Web, e-mail, and other Internet resources.

Hybrid courses are identified by section letters and numbers (e.g. HYB40).

# NURSA 1105-HYB

The hybrid Nursing Assistant course format will be as follows:

- The course is 8-16 weeks and has a lecture-lab (class) component and a clinical component.
- The class will meet *one* day each week for the lecture-lab component and *one* day each week for the clinical component.
- There will be weekly online learning modules.
- Clinical groups will begin meeting after at least 16 hours of instruction has been completed.

Students must participate in all components of the course in order to be successful and achieve a passing grade.

# IS ONLINE LEARNING RIGHT FOR YOU?

You should keep the following points in mind before enrolling in a hybrid course:

- ⦿ Online courses aren't easier.
- ⦿ Online courses require the same time investment as traditional courses.
- ⦿ Online courses require strong time management skills.
- ⦿ Online courses require some tech savvy.
- ⦿ Online courses require active participation.

Please CLICK on: [Is online learning right for you?](#)

# SELF-ASSESS YOUR READINESS TO LEARN ONLINE

- ⦿ First step: Complete COD's [Smarter Measure](#) tool to help you understand your strengths and weaknesses when it comes to online education.
- ⦿ Second step: Use your score from this test to see what aspects of an online course may challenge you and how you can best prepare yourself for online learning.

# TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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Complete the required orientation(s) for the program.

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Plan your time to complete assignments and other coursework.

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Plan to participate in the online class frequently (minimum of three times weekly).

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Keep up with readings and assignments.

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Keep in contact with your instructor(s).

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Seek help when needed.

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Have a back up plan should your computer or Internet stop working.

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Remain aware of important due dates for assignments and exams.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Click here for answers:

<https://www.cod.edu/academics/online/faq.aspx>



# ORIENTATIONS

[Online Hybrid Course Information](#)

Click on the link.

**Certified Nurse Assistant Training Program Student Orientation**

(Mandatory orientation scheduled one week before the course begins)

**COD Online Course Orientation**

(Available to students through BlackBoard closer to the start of the course.)

# MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Access to a personal computer (pc) with connection to Internet and the following:

- Windows Media Player
- Adobe Reader
- Adobe Flash
- Java
- MicroSoft Office
- Graphical Browser (BlackBoard recommends using Mozilla Firefox 3)



Students must use their COD account for email.

### 3) What technical issues should I be aware of for these courses?

- › Students must have the proper computer hardware and connections to the Internet to permit this type of course delivery.
- › PC computers are the preferred platform.
- › You must be connected to the Internet by an Internet Service Provider (ISP) that offers a reliable, direct connection to the Internet. If you use AOL or MSN as your ISP, you will need to open a full-featured browser to access your course's online features.
- › Your modem must be rated at a minimum 28.8 bauds or more (using a fast-access connection is recommended).
- › Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 (or later) is the recommended browser. Other browsers are not supported. Internet Explorer may be downloaded at no cost from **Microsoft's web site**.
- › Some courses have additional requirements. Check with your instructor for details concerning necessary materials, software and hardware requirements. Your instructor may require you to use specific software to format your files. If your course requires you to use additional applications or plug-ins (Windows Media, Real Player, Adobe Acrobat, etc.), your computer may require additional RAM.

# SERVICES AVAILABLE

- ◉ Admissions and Outreach  
(630) 942-2626 or [admissions@cod.edu](mailto:admissions@cod.edu)
- ◉ Accessibility or Disability Issues  
Student Services Center (SSC), Room 3249  
Phone: (630) 942-2154/4260/2306/3798/2567  
TDD: (630) 858-9692  
Fax: (630) 942-2071
- ◉ Bookstore  
Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 1060, (630) 942-2360
- ◉ Career Services  
Student Services Center (SSC) Room 3258, (630) 942-2230
- ◉ Cashier  
Berg Instructional Center (BIC), Room 2525, (630) 942-2206
- ◉ Counselling and Advising  
Student Services Center (SSC), Room 3200, (630) 942-2259

# MORE SERVICES AVAILABLE

- ◉ Learning Commons
  - Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2102, (630) 942-3941
- ◉ Library
  - Student Resource Center 3100
- ◉ Office of Student Financial Assistance
  - Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2220, (630) 942-2251
- ◉ Office of Student Records
  - Berg Instructional Center (BIC), Room 2812, (630) 942-3838
- ◉ Testing Center
  - Berg Instructional Center (BIC), Room 2405, (630) 942-2400
- ◉ Veterans Affairs
  - Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2225, (630) 942-3814

# NEED HELP?

- ◉ Content questions?

Contact the course instructor.

- ◉ Technology issue?

(630) 942-2999 or by email at [studenthelp@dupage.edu](mailto:studenthelp@dupage.edu).

# ONLINE STUDENT SUCCESS

Please check out this video for  
12 ways to be a successful online student (by  
Early & Co.):

<https://youtu.be/byQTYU9SAYk>





