

Personal Care Worker

17-510-1 Technical Certificate

Campus:



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Ashland
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Overview

The Personal Care Worker (PCW) course is a combination of an independent study coupled with a final 8-hour lab session with the course instructor. The independent study portion of the course is directed through a series of eight learning plans (approximately seven hours/learning plan) that carefully detail learning activities to help students learn the course content. Upon completion of the learning activities, students will contact the campus contact to schedule an 8-hour lab session that concludes with skills competency testing and the final written exam. The lab sessions are held on Saturdays and scheduled at the various WITC campuses (Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, and Superior) and outreach centers (Hayward and Ladysmith) throughout the district.

Special Features

This course allows students to work at their own pace to learn the content. Students will work directly with an instructor to complete the written exam and skill demonstration. The course emphasizes core abilities for the workplace.

Student Profile

Personal Care Worker students should:

- Display a caring attitude toward ill clients and their families
- Be flexible, empathetic, and nonjudgmental
- Be emotionally stable
- Be able to adjust to diverse personalities, background, and home environments

Preparation for Admission

The following experiences will help students prepare for this certificate:

- Communication skills
- Problem-solving skills

Outcomes

Employers will expect students, after completing the certificate, to:

- Provide personal care for clients
- Communicate effectively with clients, families, and healthcare teams
- Promote client rights

Career Outlook

Typical careers that will be available after graduation as a Personal Care Worker include:

- Home care services
- County and private healthcare agencies
- Independent practices

Curriculum

Number	Course Title	Credits
30510308	Personal Care Worker	1
	CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS	1

Course Descriptions

30510308

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This course emphasizes aspects of providing personal and supportive/rehabilitative healthcare to clients needing assistance in their home or other care facilities. Basic knowledge and skills acquired through this course include clients' rights, communication, rehabilitation, positioning and transfer skills, infection control, and safety. Personal Care Worker is a 64-hour course that combines guided independent study with a laboratory practice time and a final written exam and skills competency testing assessed under the guidance of a registered nurse.