



# **School of Nursing**

# **Home Health Aide**

## **Application Booklet**

Application Deadline:  
One week prior to class start date or until class is full.

For more information  
IRSC Information Call Center  
1-866-792-4772

[www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu)

## IRSC OVERVIEW

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE (IRSC) is a public, comprehensive college with a statewide and national reputation for excellence. Located in Florida's Treasure Coast region, each of the College's five campuses provide unparalleled educational environments.

IRSC serves approximately 30,000 students annually and offers more than 100 programs leading to Bachelor's degrees, Associate degrees, technical certificates and applied technology diplomas. Continuing a 60-year tradition of responsiveness to community needs, IRSC is committed to advancing educational, cultural, career training, workforce and economic development in its service area.

IRSC was distinguished as the 2019 winner of the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, an honor that recognizes outstanding quality in the areas of completion & transfer, labor market outcomes, learning, equity and more. IRSC is one of the few colleges in the nation to earn the Achieving the Dream™ Leader College designation. The College is identified by the United States Department of Education as the most affordable college in Florida and the third-most affordable college in the country.

## EA/EO

Indian River State College provides equal employment and educational opportunities to all without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, genetic information, and any other factor protected under applicable federal, state, and local civil rights laws, rules and regulations. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

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Students interested in the Home Health Aide course must have proof that they are 18 years old by the first day of class

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Home Health Aide course is offered through the IRSC School of Nursing. Applicants should carefully review the application procedures outlined in this booklet. Admission to the Home Health Aide course is on a selective admission basis. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application process is complete.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Candidates who wish to be considered for a School of Nursing program at Indian River State College must complete the procedures outlined on the checklist on page 1. **It is the student's responsibility to see that admission requirements are met. No notices will be sent.**

## **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Dual Enrollment students under the age of 18 must register for HCP 0330C which does include the clinical component. Students should follow-up with an advisor to ensure HCP 0330C is an approved Dual Enrollment course.

### **Note:**

Students should report any change of address in person or by telephone to the School of Nursing at 772-462-7570, any IRSC Campus or the website within 24 hours. Address records must be kept up to date.

## **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Students interested in applying to a School of Nursing program should attend the appropriate, regularly scheduled, program information session prior to the application deadline date for direction and assistance with the application process. The information session addresses any questions or concerns prospective applicants may have. The session also assists students in understanding how to achieve a **“qualified”** applicant status.

No reservations or fees are required to attend.

**Nursing Information Sessions are held on line**

## **Home Health Aide**

The Home Health Aide Program meets the educational requirements for the Florida Department of Educational Curriculum Framework in the state of Florida. If you are a student who may choose to reside outside of Florida, Indian River State College cannot confirm whether this certificate meets educational requirements for work in your state. Please contact the Board of Nursing in the state to determine whether this certificate will meet their certification requirements.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Indian River State College offers a 165 clock hour Home Health Aide Program. The course is designed for individuals interested in working as a Home Health Aide. Students may enter the Home Health Aide Program via multiple tracts.

Program Course Requirements:

HSC 0003 Basic Healthcare Worker

90 clock hours

HCP 0330C Home Health Aide

75 clock hours (25 hours of clinical)

### Course Description for HCP 0330C

In this course students will be introduced to topics related to caring for patients in the home. Students will be familiarized with the responsibilities of the Home Health Aide. A focus on along an understanding of basic human needs, personal health, observation, recordkeeping, nutrition, household management, safety, and maintenance of activities of daily living. This course is 75 hours with 25 hours in the clinical setting.

### Course Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to do specific to the Home Health Aide:

1. Demonstrate the collection of specified data from patient and family/significant others.
2. Apply effective communication skills to organize verbal and written information to contribute to the patient's plan of care.
3. Display culturally sensitive care in the home setting.  
Demonstrate legal and ethical behavior within the role and scope of home health aide responsibilities.
5. Follow policy and procedures affecting the health, safety, and well-being of patients in the home setting.
6. Maintain patient units in the home.
7. Adhere to safe activities of daily living and collection of vital sign data in the home setting.
8. Identify emergency evacuation procedures with adaptations to the home setting.
9. List factors that must be considered when purchasing and storing food.
10. Discuss preparation and serving of trays in the home.
11. Verbalize the role of home health care and home health aides in the scope of health care.
12. Provide care for patients with infectious diseases in the home.
13. Adhere to isolation procedures with food tray, garments, and other materials in the home.  
Utilize standard precautions in all home care.
15. Follow an established work plan with the patient and family in the home setting.
16. Perform patient-related cleaning tasks and laundry.
17. Identify methods for medication storage in the home setting.
18. Assist patient with taking self-administered prescribed medication in the home.
19. Demonstrate home to improvise specified equipment and supplies in the home.

**Program Description:**

Home Health Care entails multiple types of health care services entering private residences to support patient's needs. The Home Health Aides are part of the team providing essentials skills needed to assist patients regain their independence. The Home Health Aide program introduces students to the topics and skills relevant to provide patient care assistance in the home care setting.

**Program Outcomes:**

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the health care delivery system and health occupation for the role of the Home

Student may qualify for admission via two tracks:	Next Step	Who to contact for help
1. Track One: Completed HSC 0003	x Complete Steps Listed Below.	School of Nursing 772- -7570

2. Track Two:
- A. Have an valid, unrestricted Nursing Assistant Certin3.2 23 (a)-i.7 (u)0cawi



1. **Submit to the School of Nursing Department prior to the start of class:**
  - a. An American Heart Association CPR card (Health Care Provider C). The card must be valid for the entire length of the program.
  - b. Track One Students: Completion certificate & official transcripts on file with the IRSC Records Department for HSC 0003 Basic Healthcare Provider. The certificate must be within the past two years.
  - c. Track Two Students: A copy of a valid, active, unrestricted Nursing Assistant Certification from the State of Florida. The Certification must remain valid for WKH HQWLUH OHQJWK RI WKH SURJUDP 211LFLDO W hours of course work, on record with the IRSC Records Department.
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Please send your application documents to [irscsonprograminfo@irsc.edu](mailto:irscsonprograminfo@irsc.edu) before the application deadline date.

## **In-Progress Applications**

To complete an in-progress application, return to the [IRSC Admissions Application](#) site and sign into your account using the Sign In Button at the top right corner of the page with the credentials you created when you submitted your application. Once you're signed in, select the application type of the application you started under Admissions on the right. You'll see your in-progress application under Your Applications with a status of Not Submitted. Click on the link to complete it.

## **Application Review**

To review your application status, return to the [IRSC Admissions Application](#) site and sign into your

## **HEALTH/MEDICAL RECORDS**

A completed medical health form must also be submitted and approved by the Nursing Support Specialist. This health record will contain results from a physical examination and laboratory tests including immunization records.

Applicants who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for application to a Health Science program after resolution of the health problem. An updated health record, verified by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or an APRN must be submitted.

### **Certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**

A copy of current CPR must be submitted to the Nursing Department prior to the start of class.

### **Student Drug Screen, Background Check, and Medical Records**

When submitted, these records will become the property of the College, and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers. Students who are out of the program for six months or more must submit new records. Any changes to these records must be reported immediately to the Nursing Support Specialist.

## **EXPENSES**

Refer to the IRSC website at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click **Programs** then select **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Home Health Aide** then select **Expenses**.

## **FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP**

**Financial Aid** (grants, loans, work-study) is **not** available for students who are taking the Home Health Aide course.

**Scholarships** designated for students in the Health Science programs may be available. Apply online at [www.irscfoundation.org](http://www.irscfoundation.org). The application deadline for all IRSC Health Science scholarships is in **May**.

## **FREQUENTY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**When do classes begin?**

## PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION\*

Nursing involves the provision of direct care for individuals and is characterized by the application of knowledge in the skillful performance of nursing functions. Therefore, in order to be considered for admission or be retained in the program after admission, all students must be able to demonstrate the following abilities:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Examples of Necessary Activities (not all-inclusive)</b>
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds. Ability to cope with stress. High degree of flexibility.	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues.
Communication		

Indian River State College  
 Student Advisement Form  
 Home Health Aide

**Student must see an advisor before starting the checklist to review program requirements.  
 Acceptance is based on completion of this checklist, prior to the start of class.**

**First name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>YES/DATE COMPLETED</b>	<b>NO</b>	Is answer is <b>NO</b> , indicate what intervention/resources were shared with student to assist them in completing requirement.
1. IRSC Application for Admission submitted online at <a href="http://www.irsc.edu">www.irsc.edu</a>			
2. Applicant must be 18 yrs. or older prior to course completion.			
3. Meet with an academic advisor.			

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**IRSC Health Science Division Physical Examination & Immunizations Form**



# Competency Assessment Skills Checklist

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		Infection Control						

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