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## Who are they?

Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates assist nurses, hospital staff and physicians in the basic care of patients

## Where they work

hospitals

nursing homes

assisted care facilities for the elderly

other health care establishments

## Employment Requirements

Some secondary school education and on-the-job training

OR

A nursing aide or health care aide college or private institutional program, or a college nursing orderly program and supervised practical training are required.

Some health care facilities may also require completion of specialized courses such as CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), first aid and food handling/sterile processing.

An appropriate class of driver's licence may be required for medical attendants.



# MAIN DUTIES

## Answer call signals

Serve meal trays, feed or assist in feeding of patients and assist patients with menu selection

## Shave patients prior to operations

Accompany patients on outside recreational activities

## Take patients' blood pressure, temperature and pulse

Observe or monitor patients' status and document patient care on charts

## Collect specimens such as urine, faeces or sputum

Perform other procedures as directed by nursing and hospital staff

## Carry messages, reports, requisitions and specimens between departments

Maintain inventory of supplies

May perform maintenance tasks such as assisting with the set-up and maintenance of traction equipment, cleaning or sterilizing equipment, maintaining and repairing equipment, and assembling, setting-up and operating job-related equipment

Bathe, dress and groom patients

## Supply and empty bed pans

Weigh, lift, turn, and position patients

## Supervise patients' exercise routines

Perform other duties related to patient care and comfort

## Report or record fluid intake and output

Administer first aid in emergency situations

## Administer suppositories, colonic irrigations and enemas

Transport patients by wheelchair or stretcher for treatment or surgery

## Make beds and maintain patients' rooms

May transport patients between care facilities.



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