

Chapter 2 The Nursing Assistant

1) Which of the following tasks is NOT within the nursing assistant's scope of practice?

- A) Assisting patients with activities and mobility needs
- B) Performing sterile procedures and inserting tubes into the patient's body
- C) Attending to patients' physical comfort and mobility needs
- D) Taking vital signs and answering the call bell promptly

Answer: B

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LO: 1. List the duties of a nursing assistant.

2) As a nursing assistant, you will assist patients with psychological comfort and social needs. How will you do this?

- A) Provide privacy and show respect.
- B) Prescribe treatments and medications.
- C) Provide psychological counseling.
- D) Transport patients and clean equipment.

Answer: A

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3) You are working as a nursing assistant in a specialty hospital. Your supervisor asks you to do all of the following tasks. Which one would you tell your supervisor you cannot legally do?

- A) Take vital signs on two patients who have had surgery.
- B) Answer call lights for additional patients during lunch breaks.
- C) Help five patients with baths, dressing, and meals.
- D) Supervise the work of two new nursing assistants.

Answer: D

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LO: 1. List the duties of a nursing assistant.

4) To become a certified nursing assistant, you must

- A) Pass a competency evaluation.
- B) Complete at least 75 hours of training.
- C) Complete at least 16 hours of practical training.
- D) Successfully do all of these things.

Answer: D

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LO: 2. Describe the training and education that nursing assistants must have.

5) Maya took a CNA course three years ago and worked for six months. She quit working because she had a baby and stayed home to care for him. Now she is ready to go back to work. What does Maya have to do to be certified as a CNA again?

- A) Retake the training program and competency evaluation.
- B) Take several continuing education classes to catch up on new information.
- C) Call the Nursing Assistant Registry and have her name put on the list again.
- D) Work with a CNA for several weeks to refresh her knowledge.

Answer: A

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6) A visitor asks you what is wrong with Mrs. DeRouge after she sees her leaving the physical therapy gym at your rehabilitation facility. What should you say?

- A) "Ask the physical therapist if you can see her chart."
- B) "You will have to talk to the doctor to get that information."
- C) "I don't know what is wrong with her, but she sure looks bad, doesn't she?"
- D) "I can't discuss confidential information about any resident."

Answer: D

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LO: 3. List the rights of patients and residents.

7) Which of the following is an example of behavior that is NOT ethical?

- A) Providing privacy during all personal care
- B) Performing only those tasks that are within your scope of practice
- C) Sharing information about a patient on social media
- D) Reporting accidents or errors to your supervisor immediately

Answer: C

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LO: 4. Explain what ethical behavior involves.

8) A nursing assistant leaves the bed in a high position and forgets to give the patient the call light. The patient tries to get up to go to the bathroom and falls, causing an injury. The nursing assistant is guilty of

- A) False imprisonment.
- B) Negligence.
- C) Malpractice.
- D) Physical abuse.

Answer: B

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LO: 5. Identify the laws that affect nursing assistants.

9) A nursing assistant becomes angry with a patient's behavior and yells, "If you don't stop that, I am going to put restraints on you!" The nursing assistant is guilty of

- A) Psychological abuse.
- B) Verbal abuse.
- C) Physical abuse.
- D) False imprisonment.

Answer: B

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LO: 5. Identify the laws that affect nursing assistants.

10) Which of the following is a way for the nursing assistant to maintain good working relationships?

- A) Leave the unit for breaks and lunch without telling your team.
- B) Arrive at work on time and as scheduled.
- C) Leave early from work if you need to run an errand.
- D) Help others only if they help you in return.

Answer: B

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LO: 6. List the personal qualities of a good nursing assistant.

11) HIPAA is a federal law that protects a patient's personal health information. This means that health information must be shared only on a strict need-to-know basis. Nursing assistants must

- A) Take home a patient's care plan worksheet at the end of their shift.
- B) Only read the information they need to know to do their job for their patient.
- C) Discuss a patient's information in public areas.
- D) Leave a patient's electronic medical record open on their computer screen.

Answer: B

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LO: 3. and 5. List the rights of patients and residents and identify the laws that affect nursing assistants.

12) Walking into work, a nursing assistant sees a visitor slip and fall at the entrance of the hospital. What is the best action for the nursing assistant?

- A) Keep walking and get to the nursing assistant's unit on time.
- B) Report the incident, but only at the end of the nursing assistant's shift when all other work is done.
- C) Report the fall immediately and complete an accurate incident report.
- D) Respect the visitor's privacy and say nothing, to save the visitor from embarrassment.

Answer: C

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LO: 5. Identify the laws that affect nursing assistants.

13) The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1987 established standards for the certification of nursing assistants. This legislation requires nursing assistant training programs to cover which of the following subjects?

- A) Infection control
- B) Restorative care
- C) Safety and emergency procedures
- D) All of the above

Answer: D

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LO: 2. and 5. Describe the training and education that nursing assistants must have and identify the laws that affect nursing assistants.

14) Mahmood is a new nursing assistant at a post-acute rehabilitation facility. On his second day on the job, he is asked by a RN to perform a procedure that he is not yet trained to do. Which of the following is his best response to the nurse?

- A) "I'm not yet trained in that procedure. Is there another way I can help until I learn?"
- B) "Sure. I don't know what I'm doing yet, but I'm willing to give it a try."
- C) "I can help you pass medications later if you help me do this procedure."
- D) "My scope of practice says that I cannot perform any procedures."

Answer: A

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LO: 7. Describe the principles of planning work assignments and establishing priorities.

15) Working as a nursing assistant includes the responsibility of maintaining a professional appearance. This includes which of the following elements?

- A) Keeping fingernails clean and short
- B) Wearing an identification badge
- C) Keeping hair clean, neat, and pulled back
- D) All of the above

Answer: D

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LO: 8. Explain how and why nursing assistants should take care of their personal health and hygiene.