



Patient Care Assistant

What does a Patient Care Assistant do?

Under the supervision and direction of the nursing staff, a Patient Care Assistant helps with patient care, keeps the workplace safe and contributes to the efficient functioning of the unit.

As a Patient Care Assistant, you would undertake a range of duties to ensure a hygienic environment in accordance with hospital policy and Australian Health Care standards.

You would be required to perform clerical and courier duties to ensure the efficient functioning of the hospital, preserve patient dignity and privacy and communicate with patients and hospital staff.

What training can you do in the NT to become a Patient Care Assistant?

There is no specific training required for the position, but you would need to be able to demonstrate:

1. Oral and written communication skills at a vocational level
2. Awareness of multicultural issues and their impact on work practices in a crosscultural working environment
3. Ability to prioritise tasks
4. An ability to deal with a wide range of people in a sensitive and mature manner, work as a team member, work with minimal supervision and maintain confidentiality
5. Preparedness and capacity to work shift work
6. You will be required to transport and transfer patients and must be physically fit to undertake these tasks

It would also be desirable to have:

1. Reception skills and a working knowledge of computers
2. Work experience in a health or aged care facility
3. Manual handling skills
4. Current First Aid certificate and a manual drivers licence

You can also undertake the Certificate III in Community Services course at the Northern Territory University.

Career Opportunities

Patient Care Assistants are employed in all public hospitals in the Northern Territory. Positions can be either full time, part time or casual.

Salary

Salaries in the NT public system are in accordance to the professional scale.

Link to Office Commission Public Employment for current Salary Scales:

http://www.nt.gov.au/ocpe/public_sector/rates-of-pay/general.pdf

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