



OHCA/aQuire Online Nursing Assistant Training Course

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Oregon Health Care Association and aQuire Training Solutions Launch First-Ever Online Nursing Assistant Training Program in Oregon

Portland, OR. The Oregon Health Care Association (OHCA) in partnership with aQuire Training Solutions launched the first-ever online nursing assistant training program in Oregon on July 1, 2008. The online training program received approval from the Oregon State Board of Nursing in May of this year. This learner-lead training program provides 51 equivalent hours of didactic training online, 24 hours of lab and 75 hours of clinical training at one of more than 40 long term care facilities around the state.

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) are the back bone of long-term care. The aging of the baby boom generation, increased life expectancy and increased staffing ratios in long term care, coupled with a decline in the number of nursing assistants being trained by traditional means, makes this online training program both timely and essential to meet the growing demand for CNAs. Jim Carlson, Executive Director of the OHCA, says, "Our online training program will provide high quality, cost effective, flexible and standardized training that will enhance care in our facilities throughout the state."



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“This course’s curriculum really showcases some of the very best practice in e-learning for adults,” says Sharon Brothers, President and CEO of aQuire Training Solutions. “It not only allows the nursing assistant student to learn at an individualized pace, without having to attend classroom lectures, but it is also designed to train the whole person. Students are actively involved in learning new skills, gaining knowledge about aging and care, as they increase their understanding of the importance of their work.”

Brothers adds, “We believe that the collaborative effort of this course will help us train new nursing assistants to deliver the kind of exceptional care that we all want for our loved ones.”

Those interested in applying should go to the online application site, www.OregonCNAonline.com.



Oregon Health Care Association (OHCA) is one of the state's leading trade associations, representing over 570 members including skilled nursing, assisted living, and residential care facilities, integrated health systems, independent senior living communities and licensed in-home care agencies. Members provide services to over 40,000 people each day and employ more than 30,000 Oregonians. Learn more at www.ohca.com.



aQuire Training Solutions is a division of the Institute for Senior Living Education and is a developer and provider of online training courses for senior care professionals with over five years of experience in providing online training. Learn more at www.aQuireTraining.com



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