

Nurse Assistant Endorsement

Specifications, Competencies & Requirements

PURPOSE

This endorsement is meant for certified teachers interested in teaching **Nurse Assistant** courses. It is attached to a current Utah Educator License with a license area of concentration in **Secondary** or **Career Technical Education (CTE)** Education.

Upon attachment of this endorsement to a Utah educator license, educators will be approved to teach the following USBE courses:

- Nurse Assistant (CNA)**
- Medical Terminology**
- Health Science Intro**
- Health Science Capstone**
- Medical Anatomy & Physiology**
- Medical Anatomy & Physiology, Advanced**
- Community and Public Health**
- Foundations of Nutrition**

ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite

Demonstrate an understanding of Career and Technical Education (CTE) basics.

CTE Knowledge

Endorsement Competency

Applicants must complete **ALL** the following competency requirements to hold the professional endorsement.

- Hold a current Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Registered Nurse (RN) License
- At least 2 years of documented nursing experience

Instructors and LEAs are required to follow the Utah Nurse Assisting Registry (UNAR) program requirements.

Prior to Teaching Sex Ed

A Utah law and policy course is required per Utah Code 53G-10-403 for all first-year health science educators before teaching sex education and must be renewed every three years. Visit the Health Education page for more details <https://schools.utah.gov/curr/health>.

COMPETENCY DETAILS & DESCRIPTIONS

Prerequisite

1. CTE Knowledge

Demonstrate an understanding of CTE basics:

- Explain how CTE links learning to specific Utah industries and what its main goals are.
- Know the licenses and endorsements needed to teach specific CTE courses.
- Describe how CTE is organized into clusters and pathways at the state, district (LEA), and school levels, and how this helps students succeed after graduation.
- Locate and use the state's strands and standards in lesson plans.
- Explore CTE student organizations (CTSOs) and professional groups and explain how they support students and teachers.
- Explain how advisory boards, with industry members, make sure programs meet job market needs and maintain safe learning environments.
- Understand the basics of securing funding, planning for the program's future, and participating in the state Program of Quality Review (PQR) to ensure program excellence.

Select one of the following options:

- USBE Course: [CTE Orientation](#)
- Complete THREE years of full-time CTE Teaching in Utah
- Currently hold a professional-level CTE endorsement

Endorsement Competencies

2. Current LPN or RN License

The individual must possess a current and valid license as a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Registered Nurse. This license, issued by the [Utah Department of Professional Licensing](#) (DOPL), signifies that the individual has met the educational and examination requirements to provide safe and competent nursing care.

The applicant must submit documentation of an active LPN or RN license to demonstrate completion of this requirement.

3. Documented Nursing Experience

The individual must provide verifiable documentation of their nursing experience. This documentation should clearly outline the duration, scope, and nature of their practical experience in providing nursing care. At least one year of experience must be in a long-term care facility service or care for the elderly or chronically ill of any age.

To demonstrate completion of this requirement, the applicant must submit verifiable documentation from a previous employer (written on official letterhead with a detailed description of skills, responsibilities, competencies, and dates of employment).