



# Ethical Responsibilities of the Nurse Aide

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- **Discipline concerned with right or wrong conduct**
- **Guides to moral behavior**
- **Making choices or judgments**



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- **Put resident's needs ahead of your own**

- Be sincere, honest and trustworthy in performance of duties
  - caring and concerned
  - “golden rule”



- **Show respect for each resident as an individual**
- **Understand the limits of role**
- **Perform only acts for which adequately prepared**
- **Perform acts only within legal scope of nurse aide**

- **Carry out assignments to best of ability**
- **Be loyal:**
- **Maintain a positive attitude toward institution that employs you**
- **Support co-workers**



- **Be responsible citizen at all times**

- **Respect others**



- **Respect values that differ from yours**

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- **Respect privacy of others:**
  - **while dressing**
  - **while performing personal hygiene**
  - **during examination or treatment**
  - **during visits with clergy**
  - **during visits with spouse or significant other**



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