

HEALTHCARE RESUME

Starter Kit

Your Complete Guide to Landing Entry-Level Healthcare Positions

About Elite Resumes

Elite Resumes is India's leading professional resume writing and career services company. Since our inception, we've helped thousands of healthcare professionals, from entry-level candidates to senior executives, land their dream positions across India, GCC countries, and international markets.

With a team of 24+ certified resume writers and career coaches, we specialize in ATS-optimized resumes, LinkedIn optimization, and interview preparation for the healthcare sector.

Our Mission: Transform your career journey with professional, data-driven resume solutions that open doors to opportunities.

What's Inside This Bundle:

- ✓ Entry-Level Healthcare Resume Checklist
- ✓ ATS Optimization Guide & Keywords
- ✓ Healthcare Skills Inventory & Self-Assessment
- ✓ Sample Resume (Nursing Assistant)
- ✓ Common Mistakes to Avoid
- ✓ Soft Skills Guide for Healthcare
- ✓ Healthcare Cover Letter Template

ENTRY-LEVEL HEALTHCARE RESUME CHECKLIST

Use this checklist before submitting your resume to ensure it meets industry standards and ATS requirements.

■ Contact Information

- Name is clearly visible at the top
- Professional email address (avoid nicknames)
- Valid phone number
- City/State included (no full address needed)
- LinkedIn profile URL (optional but recommended)

■ Professional Summary/Objective

- Tailored to the specific job posting
- 2-3 sentences maximum
- Highlights key healthcare competencies
- No generic statements

■ Education

- Degree, institution, and graduation date listed
- Relevant coursework included (if applicable)
- GPA included if 3.5 or higher
- Healthcare certifications clearly noted

■ Clinical Experience/Internships

- Healthcare rotations and volunteer work included
- Action verbs used (e.g., 'Assisted,' 'Supported')
- Patient care achievements highlighted
- Dates and facility names included

■ Certifications & Licenses

- CPR/BLS certification listed
- First Aid certification (if applicable)
- Professional licenses (RN, LPN, etc.)
- Expiration dates included

■ Skills Section

- Hard skills (clinical, technical) included
- Soft skills (communication, empathy) present
- Healthcare-specific keywords incorporated
- Organized by category (Clinical, Technical, Language, etc.)

■ Formatting & ATS Compatibility

- Standard fonts used (Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman)
- No graphics, tables, or unusual formatting
- Consistent bullet point style
- Saved in both Word and PDF formats

- One page for entry-level (max 1.5 pages)

■ Proofreading

- Zero spelling or grammatical errors
- Consistent tense and formatting
- Action verbs used in past tense
- No personal pronouns (I, me, my)

ATS OPTIMIZATION & KEYWORDS

What is ATS?

Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) are software programs used by healthcare employers to filter and rank resumes. To pass ATS screening, your resume must match keywords from the job description.

Essential Healthcare Keywords:

Clinical Skills	Soft Skills	Systems & Tools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient Care• Vital Signs• EHR/EMR• Phlebotomy• Catheterization• Wound Care• Medication Admin• IV Therapy• Sterilization• HIPAA Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication• Empathy• Teamwork• Problem-Solving• Time Management• Patient Education• Attention to Detail• Compassion• Adaptability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electronic Health Records• NextGen• Epic Systems• CPOE• HL7• Medical Coding• ICD-10• CPT Codes

ATS Best Practices:

- Use 1-inch margins on all sides
- Avoid headers, footers, and page numbers
- Don't use tables, text boxes, or graphics
- Use standard bullet points (• or -)
- Save as .docx or .pdf (check job posting preference)
- Include relevant keywords naturally throughout
- Use standard section headings (Education, Experience, Skills)
- Spell out abbreviations on first use (e.g., 'Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)')

HEALTHCARE SKILLS SELF-ASSESSMENT

Identify which skills you possess and highlight these in your resume. Match your skills to the job description.

Clinical Skills

- Patient vital signs monitoring
- Electronic health record (EHR) management
- Infection control & sterilization
- Phlebotomy & specimen collection
- Catheterization & catheter care
- Wound care & dressing changes
- Medication administration support
- IV therapy assistance
- Patient hygiene & grooming assistance
- Patient mobility & transfer techniques

Administrative Skills

- Medical coding (ICD-10, CPT)
- Insurance verification
- Patient scheduling
- Medical records management
- HIPAA compliance
- Insurance billing
- Patient intake processing
- Medical terminology
- Data entry accuracy

Soft Skills

- Patient communication
- Compassion & empathy
- Team collaboration
- Problem-solving
- Attention to detail
- Time management
- Stress management
- Adaptability
- Active listening
- Patient education

Technical Competencies

- EHR systems (Epic, NextGen, Cerner)
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Medical billing software
- CPOE systems
- Telemedicine platforms
- Healthcare databases
- Medical coding software

Tip: Select 8-10 most relevant skills to feature in your Skills section.

SAMPLE ENTRY-LEVEL NURSING ASSISTANT RESUME

SARAH JOHNSON

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Compassionate and detail-oriented Nursing Assistant with clinical rotations in acute care settings. Committed to providing excellent patient care while supporting nursing teams. Certified in CPR/BLS with strong communication and patient care skills. Seeking entry-level nursing assistant position to grow clinical expertise and make a meaningful impact on patient outcomes.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Patient Care & Hygiene
- Vital Signs Monitoring
- EHR Documentation
- Patient Communication
- HIPAA Compliance
- Team Collaboration
- Time Management
- Infection Control

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Intern – Nursing Assistant | ABC Medical Center, Chicago, IL | Jan 2023 – May 2023

- Assisted 8-10 patients daily with activities of daily living (ADL) including bathing, grooming, and toileting
- Monitored and recorded vital signs (temperature, blood pressure, pulse, respiration) every 4 hours
- Maintained patient comfort by changing linens, positioning, and reporting concerns to nursing staff
- Supported 5 RNs in a 15-bed acute care unit, maintaining high patient satisfaction scores
- Assisted with patient transport between departments while ensuring safety protocols
- Documented patient observations accurately in Electronic Health Record (EHR) system

Volunteer – Patient Care Assistant | Community Health Clinic, Chicago, IL | Sept 2022 – Dec 2022

- Assisted nursing staff in patient preparation for examinations and procedures
- Provided emotional support and comfort to patients in waiting areas
- Maintained clean and organized patient care environment
- Communicated effectively with diverse patient populations
- Gained hands-on experience in ambulatory care settings

EDUCATION

Nursing Assistant Certification Program | Illinois Community College, Chicago, IL

Graduated: December 2022 | GPA: 3.7/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Patient Care, Medical Terminology, Healthcare Ethics, Infection Control, Patient Communication

High School Diploma | Lincoln High School, Chicago, IL | Graduated: June 2020

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) – State of Illinois (License #12345) | Expires: Dec 2025
- CPR/BLS Certification – American Heart Association | Expires: June 2025
- First Aid Certification – American Red Cross | Expires: March 2025

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Conversational)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Electronic Health Records (EHR): Epic Systems, NextGen
- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Outlook
- Medical Terminology: Proficient

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

Generic Objective

■ 'Seeking a nursing position to utilize my skills' ✓ 'Seeking entry-level Nursing Assistant position in acute care to provide compassionate patient care and support nursing teams in fast-paced healthcare environments'

Overly Technical Language

■ 'Utilized advanced diagnostic methodologies for comprehensive patient assessment' ✓ 'Assisted with patient assessments and vital signs monitoring'

Lack of Specific Examples

■ 'Provided patient care' ✓ 'Assisted 8-10 patients daily with activities of daily living, improving patient satisfaction scores by 15%'

Missing Certifications

■ Not listing CPR/BLS or CNA certification ✓ Prominently display all relevant healthcare certifications with expiration dates

Poor Formatting

■ Inconsistent bullet points, multiple fonts, graphics, tables ✓ Clean, simple format with standard fonts and consistent styling

Ignoring Keywords

■ Generic skills list without job-specific terms ✓ Incorporate keywords from the job description (EHR, vital signs, patient care, teamwork)

Spelling & Grammar Errors

■ 'I assisted patients with there hygiene' ✓ 'Assisted patients with their hygiene' (proofread multiple times)

Including Irrelevant Information

■ Listing non-healthcare jobs, personal hobbies, or photos ✓ Focus only on healthcare-relevant experience and education

Long, Wordy Descriptions

■ Lengthy paragraphs explaining every task ✓ Concise bullet points (1-2 lines) highlighting achievements

Not Tailoring to Job Description

■ Generic resume sent to all positions ✓ Customize objective and skills to match each job posting

SOFT SKILLS FOR HEALTHCARE SUCCESS

Healthcare employers prioritize soft skills as much as clinical competencies. These interpersonal abilities directly impact patient outcomes and team dynamics.

Communication: Clear, respectful communication with patients, families, and healthcare teams. Document observations accurately.

Empathy & Compassion: Understand patient feelings and needs. Show genuine care and concern for patient wellbeing.

Teamwork & Collaboration: Work effectively with nurses, doctors, and other healthcare professionals to provide coordinated care.

Attention to Detail: Carefully monitor patients, follow protocols, and catch potential issues before they become problems.

Adaptability: Handle changing priorities, patient conditions, and work environments with flexibility and professionalism.

Time Management: Juggle multiple patient requests and tasks while maintaining quality and meeting deadlines.

Problem-Solving: Think critically about patient issues and work with team to find practical solutions.

Patience & Stress Management: Remain calm and professional in high-stress situations without burning out.

Professionalism: Maintain confidentiality (HIPAA), dress appropriately, and conduct yourself ethically.

Cultural Awareness: Respect diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and preferences of patients and colleagues.

SIMPLE COVER LETTER TEMPLATE

[Your Name]
[Your Address] | [City, State ZIP]
[Your Email] | [Your Phone]
[Date]

[Hiring Manager's Name]
[Healthcare Facility Name]
[Facility Address]

Dear [Hiring Manager's Name/Hiring Team],

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Nursing Assistant position at [Healthcare Facility]. With my recent certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant and hands-on clinical experience from my rotation at [Hospital/Clinic], I am confident in my ability to provide compassionate patient care while supporting your nursing team.

During my clinical internship, I assisted 8-10 patients daily with activities of daily living, maintained accurate vital signs monitoring, and documented observations in the EHR system. This experience reinforced my passion for patient care and my commitment to maintaining HIPAA compliance and infection control standards. I take pride in building strong relationships with patients and collaborating effectively with interdisciplinary teams.

My CPR/BLS and First Aid certifications, combined with my strong communication skills and attention to detail, make me well-equipped to contribute meaningfully to your healthcare team. I am eager to grow my clinical expertise and make a positive impact on patient outcomes.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing how I can contribute to your facility's mission of providing excellent patient care.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Ready to Land Your Healthcare Dream Job?

This bundle is a great starting point, but your resume deserves professional expertise. Elite Resumes specializes in crafting ATS-optimized healthcare resumes that get results.

Why Choose Elite Resumes?

- ✓ 24+ Certified Healthcare Resume Writers
- ✓ 40+ Entry-Level Healthcare Resumes Processed Monthly
- ✓ ATS Optimization for Maximum Visibility
- ✓ Personalized LinkedIn Optimization
- ✓ Interview Preparation Support
- ✓ Quick Turnaround (24-48 hours)
- ✓ Proven Results Across India, GCC & International Markets

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