

Certified Nurse Aide



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Prepare for entry level nursing assistant positions through our 115-hour Certified Nurse Aide program. You will achieve a level of skills and abilities essential to provide basic care to residents of long-term care facilities. Topics include residents' rights, communication, observation, reporting, and assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and safety.

Emphasis will be on effective interaction with members of the health care team. Also, as a student, you will communicate with residents and their families with sensitivity to their psychosocial needs and assist residents in attaining and maintaining maximum functional independence. The clinical will provide a method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Our approved program will provide you with 60 hours of lecture/lab and 40 hours of clinical experience. Basic HIPAA training will be included.

Additionally, students must attend AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers (8 hours) and Professionalism in the Workplace (7 hours) offered in conjunction with this course. CPR must be completed successfully prior to attending Clinical Rotations. Certificates of completion will be awarded and is a separate process from the official certification issued by the state. For official Certification, the written and skills test will be given off-site through Prometric.

For more information on the certification exam, visit <https://www.prometric.com/nurseaide/tx> or call NACES at 800.444.5178.

Information is subject to change based on industry, facility, or institution requirements. Please note that CPR training must be Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association.

Estimated Tuition

Cost of program is \$805. Additional costs include an online background check (\$40, payable by student), drug screen (\$40, payable by student), supplies, and textbooks. Supplies: One set navy blue scrubs, stethoscope, and tennis shoes that won't slip on a wet floor.

The Nursing Assistant — Acute, Subacute, and Long-Term Care, Textbook 6th Edition
The Nursing Assistant — Acute, Subacute, and Long-Term Care, Workbook 6th Edition
[Certified Nurse Aide \(PDF\)](#)

Prerequisites

ALL prerequisites **MUST** be completed **ONE WEEK BEFORE** the start of class, including online background check, high school diploma or GED, copy of Social Security card, state-issued ID or TDL (Names **MUST** match), and all immunization requirements.

- Online Background Investigation (\$40, payable by the student) at <https://portal.castlebranch.com/LK53>. The results take 48-72 hours. For assistance, please see a registration clerk at the Center for Workforce Development.
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- All students are required to have the current immunizations listed below.

Time Commitment

- Lecture/lab: 60 hours
- Clinical Experience: 40 hours
- AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers: 8 hours
- Professionalism in the Workplace: 7 hours, Total Hours: 115

Immunization Requirements

To be eligible for clinicals at a facility, you will need to have **ALL** of your shots **PRIOR** to the start of class and you must bring **PROOF** of all shot and titer records to the Center for Workforce and Community Development when registering.

- Hepatitis B — Series of Three doses are required or a Quantitative Titer will be accepted as long as the result shows positive immunity.
- MMR — Must have two doses of vaccination. Titer accepted.
- TB Skin Test (PPD) — Test must be negative and taken within 12 months of the end date of clinical rotations. If positive, chest X-ray with written results from a

doctor showing no symptoms of TB accepted OR Chest X-ray with written results within 2 years of the start date of class OR Quan ti FERON® — TB Gold Blood Test.

- Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (TDaP) — Must be within 10 years of the end date of the class.
- Varicella — Must have two doses of vaccination or titer test with positive results.
- Flu Vaccine — annual — if clinical rotations are to be completed during flu season. (Oct.-March)

Check Eligibility for Licensing Exams

Students who have a felony conviction should check with the Program Manager of their program to determine if a licensing exam is required to be employed. Some examples include, but are not limited to, education, nursing, cosmetology, and technology programs. Legislative changes, specifically, HB 1508 from the 85th Texas legislative session section 53.151 (2017), require notification to applicants and enrollees regarding the consequences of a criminal conviction on eligibility for an occupational license. Students may be ineligible for an occupational license upon completion of a program due to prior convictions.

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