

The health care field is wide open to both men and women. This is just the beginning of a lifetime of exciting opportunities that a health career can bring you. As your knowledge and experience grow, there will be many career choices available to you... Certified Nurse Aide, Patient Care Technician, and Licensed Practical Nurse. Your interests and aptitude may also take you into other health careers such as Registered Nurse, dentistry, and medicine. In addition to the CNA course, high school classes such as Medical Terminology, Introduction to Health Occupations, Sports Medicine, Biology, Chemistry, and Anatomy and Physiology are good preparation.



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Certified Nurse Aide

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Career and Technical Education

The CNA Program

Nurse aides assist in the care of patients. They work under the direction and supervision of registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and other medical staff. Nurse aides have a great deal of contact with patients and provide personal care such as bathing, feeding, and dressing. They also perform support functions such as transporting patients, taking vital signs, making beds, helping patients become ambulatory, and answering patient calls. Nurse aides work in a variety of health care settings... hospitals, doctor's offices, home health agencies, and nursing homes.



Qualifications

Dependability — Job requires being reliable, responsible, and dependable, and fulfilling obligations.

Concern for Others — Job requires being sensitive to others' needs and feelings and being understanding and helpful on the job.

Cooperation — Job requires being pleasant with others on the job and displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude.

Stress Tolerance — Job requires accepting criticism and dealing calmly and effectively with high stress situations.

Self Control — Job requires maintaining composure, keeping emotions in check, controlling anger, and avoiding aggressive behavior, even in very difficult situations.

Attention to Detail — Job requires being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks.

Social Orientation — Job requires preferring to work with others rather than alone, and being personally connected with others on the job.

Adaptability/Flexibility — Job requires being open to change (positive or negative) and to considerable variety in the workplace.

Integrity — Job requires being honest and ethical .

Initiative — Job requires a willingness to take on responsibilities and challenges.

Reasons to be a CNA

Projected Job Growth: Employment of Nursing Aides is projected to grow 15-21 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. This exceptional growth is attributed to the rapidly growing older population that will demand more emphasis on rehabilitation and long term care. As a result, a major employer in this sector will be nursing homes and long term care facilities for people with chronic illnesses and disabling conditions.

Annual Median Salary: \$25,100 per year

Certification: Individuals who have completed a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program (NATCEP) approved by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals are listed as certified on the Louisiana Nurse Aide Registry as a **CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE**.

