

Course Sequencing		
Year	Quarter	Subject
First Year	Fall, Winter or Spring	NA 100 (Nursing Assistant) NA 102 (Nursing Assistant Lab)

BEFORE YOU START

Students must have a college transcript showing Math and English at the 100 level or higher with a passing grade or have a current placement test score that places them into:

- Math 50 (formerly Math 84) or higher
- Reading 99 or higher
- English 98 or higher

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In just one quarter, the CBC Certified Nursing Assistant (NAC or CNA) program prepares you for entry-level positions in a variety of healthcare settings and helps you to take the next step in your nursing education. The program is designed to prepare candidates for the Nursing Assistant Certification in Washington, which complies with the Nursing Home Reform Act (OBRA, 1987).

The National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) examination assures that you understand and can safely perform the job of an entry-level Nursing Assistant. The NNAAP examination is a measure of Nursing Assistant-related knowledge, skills and abilities that includes testing by both a written examination and a skills evaluation. Nursing Assistant students who successfully complete the course work, lab and clinical hours will receive a Certification of Completion from DSHS and be eligible to take the NNAAP examination.

APPLICATION PROCESS

In The next opportunity to apply to the Nursing Assistant program will be in July 2023. The course is offered each fall, winter, and spring quarter of each academic year. The first and last day to submit the application is noted on the application page for each quarter.

Students will need to either have placement scores for Math, English and Reading or have college transcripts showing these courses at the 100 level being completed with a passing grade.

Applicants are required to provide a copy of the following documentation:

- Applicants must be a CBC student before applying to this program. If you are not, you can go to the Apply for Admission page on the CBC website to enroll online.
- Current American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR certification
- Current First Aid card
- Letter of reference addressing your work or study habits

The program application and required documentation, when available, should be submitted via email, mailed via USPS or hand delivered to the CBC Health Science Center on the Richland campus. Directions to submit will be on the first page of the application.

OUT OF CLASS TO DO'S

As part of the admission requirements for Health Science programs, applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen prior to working with patients in clinical areas. The background check and drug screen are paid by the student and administered through a third party company, [CastleBranch](#). In addition to the background check required by CBC, each clinical facility reserves the right to conduct its own criminal background check prior to allowing a student to enter its health care facilities for clinical participation.

Certain criminal convictions, pending charges or negative actions may automatically disqualify a person from having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults, juveniles and children. Clinical facilities reserve the right to accept or decline a student's placement in its facility.

NURSING ASSISTANT COURSE DETAILS

To complete the NA 100 class lecture hours, students are required to meet three days a week for lecture and lab hours during the first four weeks. The instructor schedules clinical hours with the clinical facility and students are required to complete 50 clinical hours during one quarter. These hours include a minimum of 36 shift hours, which are performed at various facilities located throughout the Tri-Cities. Students are required to complete shifts that may start as early as 6 am. Students need to arrange to attend these required shifts, as attendance is mandatory.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You can enter nursing at several levels. The Nursing Assistant course is designed to prepare candidates for the Nursing Assistant Certification in Washington. Once licensed and certified, nursing assistants may work in a variety of settings including:

- Hospitals
- Extended care
- Home Care
- Assisted living facilities
- Community care facilities for the elderly
- Nursing care facilities

While employed, you will experience various areas of healthcare that may entice you to pursue other fields in healthcare, such as Registered Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, etc. Overall, one of the best ways to increase your pay as a nursing assistant is to obtain additional education and certifications.

FUNDING SOURCES

You may be eligible for financial assistance through the Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) program. The CASAS exam is used to determine student eligibility for I-BEST. Eligible students enrolled in I-BEST benefit from attending a Special Studies class where they will receive additional educational support to review classroom instruction, prepare for the exams, and strengthen basic skills while taking the Nursing Assistant training. Find out more about the [I-BEST program](#). Students eligible for the [Opportunity Grant](#) may receive funds to cover tuition/mandatory fees and up to \$1,000 for books and supplies for 45 college credits.

Did you know??? You can apply for CBC scholarships two times every year! Click [here](#) for more information!

PLEASE NOTE: This document represents a sample plan for degree completion with this program of study. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your Completion Coach. Completion Coaches can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your education such as internships, research, learning communities, and campus involvement and community-based learning.

FAQs

Class Times/Delivery Format

Classes are offered in a variety of formats, including in-person, online and hybrid.

Length of Program

The program is 10 weeks in length

Which Quarter Can I Begin?

The program starts every fall, winter and spring quarter.

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 7 am to 4:30 pm; Friday 7 am to noon

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