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CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE- CNA

HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION

Certified nurse aides (CNAs) provide care to patients, often in facilities such as nursing homes. They generally assist patients with basic needs, such as bathing, dressing, mobility, positioning, eating, and grooming, among other things. They often care for multiple patients who have a variety of health needs and personal abilities, so it is important for nurse assistants to be knowledgeable of the types of care which may be administered as well as sensitive to the needs of individual patients.

Both full-time and part-time positions are available for certified nurse aides. Some may need to have flexible schedules, as it may occasionally be necessary to work nights and/or weekends. Strong customer service and people skills are important in order to help patients feel at ease. CNAs often work within large networks of medical providers, so communication with other staff is important in order to provide up-to-the-minute care for patients. When changes in patients' statuses are noted, CNAs should report these to the doctor or nurse in charge.

This job often requires physical strength, as CNAs will be walking and standing for most of their shifts as they make rounds and tend to patients. The ability to lift heavy objects is important, as they often help patients from place to place. In addition to caring for patients, they should also ensure that the environment is clean and tidy by performing basic housekeeping tasks. Education, training, and a current valid certification are required to be a certified nurse aide.

Tasks:

- Assist with direct patient care under the supervision of the RN or other medical professionals.
- Provide patients with help walking, exercising, and moving in and out of bed.
- Position, feed, bathe, dress and assist patients with grooming and other tasks.
- Observe patients' conditions, measure and record food and liquid intake and output and vital signs, and report changes to professional staff.

Work Environment:

Nursing aides work in nursing and residential care facilities and in hospitals. They are frequently physically active and may need to help lift or move patients.

Salary Data:

National median wage: \$27,510 /year (BLS.gov 2017)

Delivery: 5 Week Intensive Study
Start: Fall, Spring, Summer Semesters
Location: Abilene

Application to Cisco College Procedure:

- Complete the Cisco College Admission Application.
STEPS:
 1. Go online to www.cisco.edu
 2. Select ADMISSIONS.
 3. Fill out all information.
- Have all official transcripts/GED sent to Cisco College Admissions Office.

Our CNA program provides students with a level of knowledge, skills, theory, concepts, and abilities essential to provide safe care to the residents of long term care facilities.

It trains students for entry-level employment in long-term care facilities, doctor's offices, and hospitals. Income will depend on the area of employment chosen.

This 100-hour course includes lecture and clinical components. It prepares students to take the State of Texas examination to become a Certified Nurse Aide by the **Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.**

Students must pay the **\$104.50 certification exam** fee when they schedule their testing date.

Application to Program Procedure:

- Complete a **CNA Application Packet** for program enrollment. *(Available for pick up or online.)*
- Pay the **\$725 program tuition fee** no later than 10 days prior to first class date. *(Financial aid cannot be used for this program.)*
- Provide an original **Social Security card** for review.
- Provide a **government issued photo ID.** *(First and last name should be identical to Social Security card.)*
- Participate in student advisement with the Workforce & Economic Development Office or attend an information session.
- Pass a **Background Check** completed by the Workforce & Economic Development Office. Certain convictions may result in denial to program and/or restrict employment in the healthcare field. *(No felony convictions.)*
- Satisfy healthcare agency requirements by providing a copy of your immunization record showing proof (titer, immunization, or physician's documentation of illness) for a negative Tuberculin skin test and the following immunizations:
 - ◇ Flu vaccine- yearly
 - ◇ Hepatitis B- series of 3 *(takes up to 6 months to complete)*
 - ◇ Tuberculin skin test- yearly
 - ◇ Mumps Measles Rubella- x2
 - ◇ Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (TDAP)
 - ◇ Varicella-x2 **unless you have had chicken pox*
- Have the following items required for the first class date:
 - A watch with a second hand on it
 - White leather shoes as required
 - Scrub uniform as required

Selection criteria are as follows:

- All application procedures completed in a timely manner.
- Prospective students should remember that acceptance by Cisco College does not guarantee admission into specific occupational programs.



***Note:** CNA training must be completed as a prerequisite before applying to the Cisco College Vocational Nursing and RN Programs.