



Lower Columbia College

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Prepare for a career in healthcare

NURSING ASSISTANT

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OVERVIEW

This certificate provides the content and experiences for students to achieve mastery of the state-defined competencies required to assist in giving basic nursing care to residents/clients under the supervision of a licensed nurse. CNAs work in many settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation and long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, and patients' homes.



REASONS TO BECOME A CNA

- It's rewarding: you will spend your days helping people!
- There is a need: there will always be job security with a growing need for qualified caregivers in our region.
- It is a great first step in nursing if you are considering a nursing career!
- You'll work with interesting people: You will work directly with patients, as well as other healthcare professionals.
- The program is short! You will receive your certificate of completion in one quarter (10 to 11 weeks)!

DEGREE OPTIONS

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program at LCC is an eight-credit certificate of completion approved by the Washington State Department of Health, including 35 hours of classroom learning, 32 hours of skills practice, and 40 hours of direct care practicum.

The program is offered in fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.



CNA DUTIES

- Helping people with daily activities such as bathing, using the bathroom, dressing, eating, and drinking.
- Helping with mobility like walking, getting in and out of bed, and turning in bed.
- Measuring basic vital signs including pulse, temperature, and blood pressure.
- Listening to patient concerns and reporting them to nurses or providers.
- Providing emotional support.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

Anyone can take the Nursing Assistant course (NURS 090) at LCC, but all students must meet some clinical requirements including a criminal background check, a negative tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray, and CPR for healthcare providers.

