Certificate

Health Care Aide Certificate Program

Successfully training Health Care Aides since 2003!

Your Career in Healthcare Starts Here

Are you passionate about helping others and having a meaningful impact on people's lives?

Columbia College's Health Care Aide program can help you turn that passion into a rewarding career. Designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and practical training necessary to work as a health care aide, this program offers a comprehensive curriculum that covers topics such as patient care, infection control, medication administration, and more. With experienced instructors, state-of-the-art facilities, and strong focus on hands-on learning, you'll gain the confidence and expertise you need to succeed in this rewarding field. Plus, get help when you need it with a **1:12 facilitator to student ratio in the lab, 1:24 in the classroom, and 1:8 in the practicum.**

Whether you're just starting your career or looking to enhance your existing healthcare skills, the Health Care Aide Program at Columbia College is the perfect choice for anyone who wants to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Quality education employers value.

Connect with an advisor today for detailed program information:

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86%
Employment Rate
2021-2022

89%
Graduation Rate
2021-2022

$20-25
Per Hour
Starting Salary

Type	Government of Alberta Health Care Aide Certificate (Students cannot graduate from the program until they have passed the provincial certification exam)
Program Delivery	Hybrid Online theory classes and in-person lab classes
Start Dates	June, October
Duration	32 Weeks 24 weeks theory/lab classes + 8 weeks practicum
Class Schedule	Mon - Fri (8:00am - 1:00pm) (Clinical placements can occur anytime, any day, including stat holidays)
Program Fees	$9,808 *Subject to change with new academic year

Program Entry Requirements

Eligibility for the program can be established through either Standard Admission or Mature Admission, with further details provided below. Students can choose to begin their application online or in-person and must pay the application fee before their submission will be processed.

1. Standard Admission

Academic English Language Arts (ELA)

- English 20-1 or 20-2 with a minimum score of 60% achieved or Canadian jurisdiction equivalent, or
- English 30-1 or 30-2 with a minimum of 55% or Canadian jurisdiction equivalent

2. Mature Student Admission

- Must be 19 years of age or older
- Out of high school for 1 year
- Successfully meet the entry levels on Columbia College's Accuplacer assessment test or show academic levels needed for our College Preparation Courses.

*Please note that for those who English is not their first language, a minimum benchmark of CLB 7 is recommended. Academic and admission requirements would also still need to be met.

Additional Requirements
- Attend Columbia College's Orientation prior to the start of the program
- Admissions interview(s) to determine suitability for the profession and opportunity for success in the program
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Search

Pre-Practicum Requirements
- Heart and Stroke BLS
- N95 Mask Fit Testing

Tuition-Free College Prep Upgrading

Need to upgrade your academic skills before starting college? Our tuition-free College Prep Upgrading courses provide students with the tools they need to succeed in college-level courses.

*Conditions apply. Speak to an advisor for more information.