

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 classroom/lab and 1:8 in practicums.**

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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Program Statistics



100%

Employment Rate
2024-2025



83%

Graduation Rate
2024-2025



\$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	\$10,563.00

Program Entry Requirements

Students can apply for admission into the Health Care Aide program through either Standard Admission or through Mature Admission:

Standard Admission

Prospective students who are **18 years of age and under** can apply through Standard Admission, meeting the following criteria:

- Alberta high school diploma, verified by transcript, or non-Alberta equivalent,
- Academic English Language Arts:
- Minimum 55% in English 30-1 or English 30-2 **or** equivalent, or minimum 60% in English 20-1 or English 20-2 **or** equivalent or successfully meet entry levels on the ACCUPLACER Assessment test

Mature Student Admission

Prospective students who are **19 years of age or older** can apply through Mature Admission, meeting the following criteria:

- Have been out of high school for 1 year
- Have met academic English requirements **or** successfully meet entry levels on the ACCUPLACER Assessment test or equivalent

Additional Requirements

Non-Academic 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.

English Proficiency

For those who English is not their first language, a minimum benchmark of CLB 7 in all skills (L/R/W/S) is required.

Pre-Practicum Requirements

- Up-to-date Immunization Record
- Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Search
- Heart and Stroke BLS
- N95 Mask Fit Test

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.