

Certificate

Health Care Aide Certificate Program

Successfully training Health Care Aides since 2003!

*Up to \$9,000 in
bursaries available!*

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
2025-2026



100%

Graduation Rate
2025-2026



\$20-25

Per Hour
Starting Salary

Type	Government of Alberta Health Care Aide Certificate
Program Delivery	In-Classroom
Start Dates	June, October
Duration	9 Months
Class Schedule	Mon - Fri (5 hours/day) (Clinical placements can occur anytime, any day, including stat holidays, in either 8h or 12h shifts)
Program Fees	\$10,918.00 <i>*Subject to change with new academic year</i>

Program Entry Requirements

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

Standard Admission

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

- Academic English Language Arts (ELA):
 - English 20-1 or 20-2: minimum 60% or Canadian equivalent; **or**
 - English 30-1 or 30-2: minimum 55%, or Canadian equivalent (CAEC/GED); **or**
 - Meet entry levels on the ACCUPLACER (assessment test) with a minimum 237 in both Reading and Writing (*Math not required*)

Mature 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 Language Arts (ELA) requirements **or** 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.
- Digital Literacy

English Language Proficiency

Candidates where English is **not** their first language must also meet the English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirement. An approved ELP test with min benchmarks 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

**Full admission details can be found on columbia.ca/programs/health-care-aide*

Tuition-Free College Prep Upgrading

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