



Selkirk College

Health Care Assistant

Are you interested in becoming a front line health care worker and assisting clients with their personal care, nutrition, and mobility? Our program will support you in developing the confidence, knowledge and skills required to provide safe care and contribute to the physical, emotional, and social well-being of clients in a variety of health care settings. As a graduate, you will be a respected member of the health care team and work under the direction and supervision of a health professional.

The Health Care Assistant Program (HCA) is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to function effectively as front-line care providers and be a respected member of the health care team in both community and facility settings. Under the direction and supervision of a health professional, graduates provide person-centered care aimed at promoting and maintaining the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social well-being of clients/residents. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for registration with the BC Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry.

The HCA program is 26 weeks in total. During the first 16 weeks, students complete theory and lab courses during face-to-face classes in Trail and online, followed by completion of 270 hours of practice in residential and community care settings during the final ten weeks of the program. This certificate meets curriculum requirements of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and is recognized within British Columbia.

SPECIAL COSTS AND TRAVEL

Students are required to have uniforms, footwear (must comply to Work Safe BC standards), a watch with a second hand. In addition, students must be

prepared to travel to clinical practice agencies. Access to a reliable vehicle is necessary. Students are required to possess a valid BC driver's license by the start of HCA 107. Clinical and practicum placements are arranged on the basis of student learning needs and available learning experiences. It is not possible to comply with the personal and travel requirements of individual students.

CONSIDER THIS PROGRAM IF YOU ARE:

- Caring and genuinely interested in people
- Comfortable dealing with difficult situations
- Easily adaptable to diversity
- A good communicator
- Self-motivated and responsible

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Acute Care Settings, Adult Day Care, Assisted Living, Community Health Workers, Complex Care, Front-Line Care Providers, Home Support, Residential Care Attendants and Special Care Units.

APPLY TODAY!

Visit selkirk.ca for details and start towards your career in health care today.

AT A GLANCE

LENGTH OF STUDY:

26-Weeks
(16-weeks theory,
10-weeks practice)

ACCREDITATION:

Certificate

CAMPUS:

Trail

You don't really know how rewarding a career a Health Care Assistant is until you actually do it. Thank you to instructor Linda Clark for sharing her wisdom, experience and passion with us in class. Her enthusiasm has helped me greatly.

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