

Certified Nursing Assistant Pathways FAQ



What is the Certified Nursing/Geriatric Assisting Program?

The certified nursing or geriatric assistant program provides the pathway to students desiring to become a critical part of a healthcare team within a hospital or long-term care facility. Students will focus on the foundational skills including medical terminology, healthcare systems, documentation, infection control, and hands-on patient care assistance. A focus will be placed on preparing students for successful completion of the Maryland State Nursing Assistant Certification.



What does a certified nursing assistant do?

- Basic patient care
- Bathing
- Feeding
- Assist with movement

Where do certified nursing assistants work?

- Nursing homes
- Assisted-living care facilities
- Hospitals

Why should I choose HCC's Certified Nursing Assistant Program?

- The certified nursing assistant instructors have real-world experience and are well-versed in the subject matter.
- Students receive hands-on experience in a well-equipped HCC nursing lab where they gain pre-clinical education.

How long is the program?

The Certified Nursing Assisting program consists of six to nine weeks of on-campus instruction and skills learning, followed by a 45-hour clinical externship component.

CNA day section is approximately six weeks of theory and skills practice with an additional 45 hours for a clinical externship.

CNA evening section is approximately nine weeks of theory and skills practice with an additional 45 hours for a clinical externship.

What are the admission requirements?

Admission to HCC certified nursing assistant pre-requisite course does not guarantee admission to the certified nursing assisting program. The requirements below must be completed with a satisfactory score to proceed within the program.

- Foundations of Healthcare Careers

What are the courses that are required and associated costs?

- **Foundations of Healthcare Career (HCE-108)**

Tuition: \$206 | Senior Adult Fee: \$123 | Materials Fee: \$25 | Registration Fee: \$8 | Total: \$239 or \$156

- **Certified Nursing Assistant Module I (HCE-105)**

Tuition: \$665 | Senior Adult Fee: \$266 | Materials Fee: \$175 | Registration Fee: \$8 | Total: \$848 or \$449

- **Certified Nursing Assistant Module II (HCE-106)**

Tuition: \$541 | Senior Adult Fee: \$216 | Materials Fee: \$150 | Registration Fee: \$8 | Total: \$699 or \$374

- **Certified Nursing Assistant Clinical (HCE-107)**

Tuition: \$380 | Senior Adult Fee: \$152 | Registration Fee: \$8 | Total: \$388 or \$160

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Are there any additional fees?

- Additional fees include books, physical exam, immunization/records, drug screen, background checks, scrubs, closed toe shoes, etc.
- There is no exact amount for these items, but approximate cost is around \$650.
- Students MUST take the WorkKeys assessment at a cost of \$60.

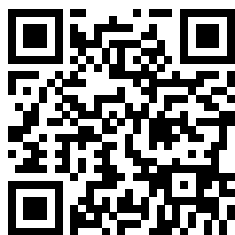
What is the WorkKeys Assessment and do I have to take it?

- Assesses your work readiness in math, literacy, and writing skills.
- Must be taken on campus at Hagerstown Community College's Testing Center.

Scholarship Information:

Where can I find the scholarship link?

www.hagerstowncc.edu/cefunding



What documents do I need to upload for the application?

- Applicants need to upload a driver's license and proof of legal residency in the U.S. (birth certificate or passport, visa, etc.)

What does the scholarship cover?

- Scholarships may be available to help offset the costs of the program. All awards are on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the limited nature of funds, you MUST begin the application process as soon as possible for the best chance of an award.

What happens after I complete the application process?

- Once all documents are received, you will receive the WorkKeys Assessment link sent by WSCE staff.
- Follow the link to register for a date and time to take the assessment at the HCC Campus Testing Center.
- There is a fee of \$60 due at the time of registration for the WorkKeys Assessment.
- Submit your scores to WSCE, Courtney Anderson, via email at cdanderson@hagerstowncc.edu.
- You are NOT able to sign up for classes until you have completed and submitted the WorkKeys Assessment results.
- WSCE staff will register you for the Foundations of Healthcare Careers and other classes within the CNA/GNA pathway.

If you have more questions about registering for classes, email ceregister@hagerstowncc.edu or call 240-500-2565.