

WHAT IS A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT?

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A certified nursing assistant (CNA) is a valuable part of a healthcare team, providing care to patients or residents in hospitals, medical clinics, nursing homes, assisted livings, hospice facilities or private homes.

A CNA's most important job is to keep patients and residents safe and comfortable and provide hands-on care to help patients and residents enjoy the highest quality of life.

In Wisconsin, prospective CNAs must pass a class and take the state test to be certified. Each state has specific education and testing requirements.

DUTIES OF A CNA

- Take & record vital signs
- Answer patient call lights and handle requests
- Assist with ambulation, turning, repositioning
- Communicate patient information with team members
- Observe patients and reporting to nurses
- Document patient status & information
- Help with activities and outings
- Keep patient rooms clean
- Assist nursing staff with medical procedures
- Assist with ADLs (activities of daily living): bathing, hygiene, dressing, eating, toileting, etc.
- Know emergency procedures and safety policies

BENEFITS OF BEING A CNA

- CNAs are an important part of a healthcare team.
- A degree is not required.
- Quick jumpstart to a successful healthcare career
- Many companies offer tuition reimbursement to expand a nursing career.
- CNAs can work in any healthcare environment (nursing home, hospital, assisted living, hospice, home health, clinics, etc).
- Job fulfillment working directly with patients & residents
- CNAs are in demand with exponential job growth expected.
- Good income potential: \$26,000 - \$38,000/yr plus benefits

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN IN CNA CLASS

- Anatomy & physiology
- Nutrition
- Infection control
- Vital signs & measurements
- Communication & teamwork
- Cultural diversity
- Patient/resident rights
- Mental health
- Personal care & ADLs (activities of daily living)
- Protecting patient/resident confidentiality



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