

REASONS TO BECOME A CNA

- ▶ Competitive wages & benefits, new CNAs working full-time average \$40,000 a year to start
- ▶ Training is fast & affordable
- ▶ Make an impact on those you serve
- ▶ Job security in a growing profession with flexible shifts
- ▶ A career you will love!
- ▶ A career path to obtaining your nursing or healthcare related degrees
- ▶ Emotionally rewarding career providing hands-on care

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I love making connections with the residents and gaining experience in a health care setting! ~ A.M., La Crosse

As a CNA, I love the opportunity to help people, while at the same time gaining experience in healthcare and building connections! ~ C.G., La Crosse

I love being able to care for the residents, and get to know them as well as their stories. Being able to know that the care I provide makes an impact on their daily life is beyond rewarding. ~ J.P., La Crosse

You entrusted me with the role of nurse intern (CNA) and then had the faith to trust me as an RN where I began to understand what it meant to touch another life. The staff I worked with will never know how much life and living they taught me. Thank you! You had a large role into shaping me into the woman I am today and I will be forever grateful! ~ C.S., La Crosse

A high school diploma or GED is NOT required to become a CNA.

Start Your Career in Health Care - Become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)!

Make a Difference as a CNA!



Sign Up for Training Today!



La Crosse, WI Area Based Training



JOB RESPONSIBILITIES & WORK SETTINGS

Responsibilities

Assists individuals with:

- ▶ Dressing
- ▶ Bathing
- ▶ Toileting
- ▶ Eating
- ▶ Transferring from bed to chair
- ▶ Turning or moving in bed
- ▶ Changing linens
- ▶ Taking vital signs
- ▶ Maintaining individual's independence

Work Settings

- ▶ Individual's home
- ▶ Adult day care settings
- ▶ Long-term care
- ▶ Hospital

HOW TO START YOUR CAREER AS A CNA

1. Find a Class That Fits Your Schedule

- ▶ **High school programs**
 - Contact your school's Counselor
 - [La Crosse School District Health Science Academy*](#)
- ▶ **Community programs (all ages)**
 - [Quality CNA Training**](#)
 - [Western Technical College***](#)

2. Apply with an Area Employer

Many area employers will pay for class and test

3. Complete Class, Labs & Clinicals

75—81 hours

4. Pass the State Test

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Workforce Connections

- ▶ Connecting people, work and training
- ▶ www.workforceconnections.org

WisCaregiver Careers

- ▶ Free CNA training and streamlined path
- ▶ <https://wiscaregivercna.com>

*www.lacrosseschools.org/health-science-academy

**www.qualitycnatraining.com

***www.westerntc.edu/nursing-assistant

CAREER PATHWAY OPTIONS STARTING AS A CNA

Once a CNA, you will gain skills needed and options to advance your career in healthcare to:

- ▶ Medication Aide
- ▶ Nurse Tech
- ▶ Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- ▶ Registered Nurse (RN)
- ▶ Advanced Practice (APRN)

Several college health professional programs require CNA certification as a pre-requisite and/or require working as a CNA.

Employers may offer:

- ▶ Tuition reimbursement
- ▶ Sign-on bonus
- ▶ Ongoing professional development opportunities

