

PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT/  
ADVANCED BEDSIDE CARE**





# CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The CNA certificate program at Prairie State College (PSC) prepares students for a career providing basic care services for patients, including bathing, grooming, and feeding, in addition to assisting nurses. CNAs also provide social and emotional support to patients, as well as provide vital information on patient conditions to nurses or licensed practical nurses (LPNs).

## CNA

### Certificate Program

This program has been designed to provide students with the skills necessary to give basic patient care in hospitals, nursing care facilities, community care facilities for the elderly, or home care.

Illinois Department of Public Health requires students to be 16 years old.

### Program Requirements

Prerequisites: ACT/Compass Placement Test reading score of 60 or higher, or RDG 098 with C or better, or ENG 099 with C or better

NURS 100	Nurse Assistant Training*	7
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### Program Total:

**7 credits**

\* Along with regular lectures, students will have clinicals in some local facilities such as long-term care facilities, where they will perform basic nursing care under the guidance of a registered nurse.

To become a CNA, a student must have a high school diploma or GED, as well as the nursing assistant training that is part of the PSC certificate program. To advance to the RN program, a student must successfully complete a CNA program and pass the state-issued competency exam.

Students also must have a physical exam and certain immunizations, as well as pass a 10 panel drug screen.

The course is eight weeks long with 102 hours of theory instruction and 42 hours of clinical instruction in a nursing facility.

Successful completion of this program qualifies the student for the Illinois Basic Nursing Assistant Certificate and to take the Illinois Department of Public Health CNA Certification Examination.

## Advanced Bedside Care Provider

### Certificate Program

PSC offers the Advanced Bedside Care Provider Certificate to CNAs who currently are working in a healthcare institution and wish to enhance their skills.

Program Prerequisites: Students must currently be listed on the State of Illinois CNA Registry (Students currently listed in the State of Illinois CNA Registry may qualify for proficiency credit for NURS 100. Contact the Dean of Health Professions for information) OR Successful completion of the PSC course, NURS 100 - Nurse Assistant Training (7 credits).

### Program Requirements

COMM 101	Principles of Communication (prerequisite: Prereq. placement in ENG 099 or above)	3
NURS100	Nurse Assistant Training (prerequisite: ACT/Compass Placement Test reading score of 60 or higher or ENG 099 with C or better)	7
HLTH 105	General Medical Terminology	3
PSYCH 102	Human Growth and Development: Life Span	3

**Program Total:** **16 credits**

# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, a faster than average job growth is expected for CNAs through 2022. While the national average employment increase is 11 percent, employment for CNAs is expected to increase by 21 percent.





## ADMISSIONS

PSC offers “open admission” that encourages diversity and admits all high school graduates or the equivalent.

### Here’s how to start your college career at PSC:

- Provide a high school diploma or GED.
- Take the Placement Test or submit a copy of ACT/SAT scores.
- Meet with an advisor from Academic Advising to select courses. For questions, call (708) 709-3506.

## Financial Aid Information

PSC’s tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources.

### How to Apply

#### 1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

#### 2. Notification from Department of Education

If you listed PSC’s school code in your FAFSA, the college’s Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

#### 3. Notification from PSC

Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Department of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents.

#### 4. Complete the PSC financial aid application.

#### 5. Determination Letter

Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

### PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, visit [prairiestate.edu/finaid](https://prairiestate.edu/finaid), call (708) 709-3735, or email [financial-aid@prairiestate.edu](mailto:financial-aid@prairiestate.edu).

### Gainful Employment Disclosure

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges with financial aid eligible programs that “prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation” to disclose certain information about these programs. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed the program, and other important information related to the program, please visit our website at [prairiestate.edu/ge](https://prairiestate.edu/ge). We hope that this information is helpful in making informed choices about your education.

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