

# NURSING: NURSING ASSISTANT (NA), HOME HEALTH AIDE (HHA)

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Increase your earning potential in only 8 weeks through the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program at Chaffey College. As a CNA you will assist ill or recovering patients with their healthcare needs. The registered nurse or licensed practical nurse assigns duties to the CNA depending on the needs of the patient. These duties can be providing basic care or assisting in daily activities patients have trouble with, such as bathing, grooming, and toileting. Programs are approved by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), therefore it is required to take and pass the state testing at the completion of the 8 week program. Chaffey College offers on site testing by a state approved testing agency, for a fee.

**CAREER AT A GLANCE:**

### HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy assisting and caring for patients' physical and health needs
- You enjoy establishing and maintaining interpersonal relationships
- You enjoy listening and giving full attention to what other people are saying
- You enjoy assessing physical conditions of patients to aid treatment

*Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.*

### WHERE CAN I WORK?

Nursing Care Facilities	Hospice Services
Nursing Employment Services	General Medical & Surgical Hospitals
Community Care Facilities for the Elderly	Residential Mental Health Facilities

*For more information visit: [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides)*

### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Volunteer at hospitals and medical facilities to gain experience with direct patient care
- Attend the program information session
- Review the program website for application instructions and deadlines
- Practice interpersonal communication skills
- Job shadow and network with healthcare professionals

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Certified Nurse Assistant	\$30,870
Nursing Aide	\$30,870
Patient Care Assistant	\$23,740
Geriatric Aide	\$30,870
Hospital Attendant	\$30,120
Patient Care Technician	\$30,120
Caregiver	\$27,170
Certified Home Health Aide	\$30,870
Certified Medical Aide	\$30,870
Home Care Aide/In-Home Caregiver	\$27,170
Home Health Aide	\$27,170
Hospice Health Aide	\$27,170

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Licensed Vocational Nurse (VN)	\$53,610
Registered Nurse (RN)	\$100,730
Public Health Nurse	\$100,730
School Nurse	\$100,730
Staff Nurse	\$100,730
Physician	\$208,000
Acute Care Nurse	\$100,730
Clinical Nurse Educator	\$89,030
Physician's Assistant	\$115,720
Nurse Practitioner	\$122,840
Psychiatric Technician	\$59,630

*For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org).*

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) and [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

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The Nursing Assistant (NA) program prepares students for entry-level employment in health care facilities. Nursing Assistants are important members of the health care team, providing direct care to patients in long-term care settings. All Nursing Assistants function under the supervision of a Licensed Nurse. Programs are approved by the California Department of Health Services. Upon completion of the Nursing Assistant program, the student is eligible to take the state examination for Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) for a fee. The CNA may then complete courses for certification in Home Health Aide (HHA) and/or Acute Care Technician (ACT).

**Enrollment information for the NA program is available online at [www.chaffey.edu/healthsciences](http://www.chaffey.edu/healthsciences)**

**Enrollment in the NA program is subject to completion of the following requirements:**

1. Admission to Chaffey College.
2. Criminal background screening.
3. Evidence of satisfactory physical and emotional health as determined by health examination.
4. Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification as an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider. The CPR card must be updated annually. Details about times and locations of CPR classes provided on the above referenced website.
5. Submission of health form, laboratory results, and appropriate CPR card to the Nursing Assistant Program.
6. The student must be at least 16 years of age, and “can comprehend English at a sixth grade level.” Chaffey College’s English assessment requires a raw score of 56 points or higher to meet this requirement.

### **MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

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**LEGEND:** G=Grade    IP=In Progress    N=Need    **Bold: Prerequisites**    Plain Text: No Prerequisites

***Requirements for the Chaffey College NA Certificate: (E234)***  
*(Non-transcripted)*

		<b>Grade</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>Need</b>	<b>Units</b>
<b>NURAST 400</b>	<b>Nursing Assistant</b>				<b>3.5</b>
<b>NURAST 400L</b>	<b>Nursing Assistant Laboratory</b>				<b>2</b>
<b>NURAST 405</b>	<b>Nursing Assistant Skills Laboratory</b>				<b>0.5</b>
<b>NURAST 450</b>	<b>Professional Development for the Nursing Assistant</b>				<b>1</b>

**Notes:**

1. All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of “C”.
2. The college does not provide transportation to clinical facilities.

In addition to completion of the MAJOR, there are other requirements for the degree, refer to the Chaffey College Graduation Requirement Sheet or see a counselor in the Counseling Center. All courses required for a certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of C and a passing grade in laboratory classes.

## NURSING: NURSING ASSISTANT (NA), HOME HEALTH AIDE (HHA)

To enter the Home Health Aide (HHA) program, the student must have an active California State Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate. The Home Health Aide program is a state certified add-on certificate to the CNA certificate that prepares students for entry level positions with home health agencies. The Home Health Aide courses prepare the CNA to provide care independently in the patient's home or in assisted living, independent living, and hospice environments.

**The application process for the HHA program is as follows:**

1. Attend a **mandatory** information meeting to obtain the application packet.
2. Submit application to Chaffey College and to the Nursing Assistant Program.
3. Submit application to the Department of Health Services and verification to the Health Sciences Office.

**Enrollment in the HHA program is subject to completion of the following requirements:**

1. Admission to Chaffey College.
2. Evidence of satisfactory physical and emotional health as determined by health examination.
3. Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification as an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider. The CPR card must be updated annually. Details about times and locations of classes provided at **mandatory** information meetings.
4. Submission of health form and appropriate CPR card by the first day of class.
5. Submit a copy of the state CNA certification prior to enrolling in NURAST 420/420L (Home Health Aide courses).

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<i>Requirements for the Chaffey College NA/HHA Certificate: (E235)</i> (Non-transcripted)		Grade	IP	Need	Units
<b>NURAST 400*</b>	<b>Nursing Assistant</b>				<b>3.5</b>
<b>NURAST 400L*</b>	<b>Nursing Assistant Laboratory</b>				<b>2</b>
<b>NURAST 405*</b>	<b>Nursing Assistant Skills Laboratory</b>				<b>0.5</b>
<b>NURAST 420</b>	<b>Home Health Aide</b>				<b>1.5</b>
<b>NURAST 420L</b>	<b>Home Health Aide Laboratory</b>				<b>1</b>
<b>NURAST 450*</b>	<b>Professional Development for the Nursing Assistant</b>				<b>1</b>

<i>Strongly Recommended</i>		Grade	IP	Need	Units
BIOL 30	Beginning Medical Terminology				3
<b>ENGL 495</b>	<b>College Reading and Writing (or ESL 475, Fundamentals of College Reading and Writing for ESL Students)</b>				<b>4</b>

\*Students must take these four NURAST classes and pass the California State Certified Nursing Assistant certification test or provide proof of a current California State Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate.

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