

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn



The 745-hour program is approximately a 25-week or six-month program (based on a typical 30-hour instruction week) designed to provide students with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to function effectively as direct client care providers and respected members of the health-care team, in community and facility settings. Under the direction and supervision of a health professional, graduates provide person-centred care aimed at promoting and maintaining the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social well-being of clients/residents.

Career Opportunities

Health Care Assistants often find careers in home support, assisted living, cognitive care, private care and mental health care, as well as health support services and first aid.

Admission Requirements

Mandatory high school graduation courses complete.
Graduate high school upon completion of HCA program.

English Requirements

All applicants are required to meet the HCA Program Entry Requirements for English Language Competency as outlined below.

- Applicants who provide evidence of three years of full-time instruction in English must also provide proof of one of the following:
 - English 10 with minimum 60% or Equivalent
Any two of: Composition 10, Creative Writing 10, Literary Studies 10, New Media 10, or Spoken Language 10
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Any two of: EFP Writing 10, EFP Literary Studies 10, EFP New Media 10 or EFP Spoken Language 10
- Applicants who cannot provide evidence of three years of full-time instruction in English are required to provide proof of one of the following standardized test from an authorized assessment agency.
 - * Defined as three (3) years of full-time secondary and/or post-secondary education at a recognized institution on the list of Approved English Speaking Countries (see OC website for list). Secondary education will be considered starting from grade 8. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses will not be considered.
- Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test (CLBPT or CLBPT Remote). Test within the last year. Scores: Listening 7, Speaking 7, Reading 6 and Writing 6.

- Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPPIP General or CELPIP Online). Test within the last two years. Scores: Listening 7, Speaking 7, Reading 6 and Writing 6.
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic, IELTS General or IELTS Academic Online). Test within the last two years. Overall score of 6 with a minimum of 6 in Speaking and Listening and no score lower than 5.5 in Reading and Writing.
- Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL or CAEL online). Test within the last two years. Overall Score of 60, with no section less than 50.
- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Home Edition). Test within the last two years. Overall score of 76 with no score lower than 20 in Speaking and Listening and no score lower than 18 in reading and writing.

Tuition

SD23 Pays: Tuition: \$3,198.35

Student Pays: Mandatory Fees: \$661.59 includes: Activity fee, Health & Dental, Student Association fee, Education Technology fee, Developmental fee

Other requirements: Standard First Aid, Tuberculin Test, FoodSafe

*All program costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.

Credits Earned

Students will earn 28 elective credits, (7 courses) at the gr 12 level

Program Delivery - Full time - on-campus



Location

Okanagan College
1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC V1Y 4X8



Student for a Day

Arrange your Student for a Day experience by contacting your school Career Coordinator.

Other admission and program pre-practice Requirements

- Criminal record check clearance to work with vulnerable adults and children from the Criminal Records Review Program. Applicants must follow instructions provided to them by OC admissions to complete this requirement.
- Standard First Aid Certification.
- CPR Level "C" Certification or "Basic Life Support (BLS)" Certification.
- Foodsafe Level 1 Certification (or equivalent).
- Applicants must provide evidence of a negative tuberculin test (TB test), taken no more than six months before the date of application (or evidence of appropriate follow-up test, if necessary).
- Proof of meeting current provincial immunization policies and guidelines by completing the Okanagan College Immunization Record Form. Applicants are advised that, if they are unable to provide proof of immunization they may be restricted and/or excluded from clinical practice.
- Workplace Hazardous Materials (WHMIS) provincial course completion.
- All the B.C. Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum (PVPC) including the 8-hour in-person classroom course completion.
- Health Care Assistant Practice in BC E-Learning Modules completion.
- Recognizing and Responding to Adult Abuse course completion.
- Student Practice Education Core Orientation (SPECO) checklist completion.
- Notwithstanding all specific program prerequisites, Okanagan College reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant when, in the opinion of OC, there is sufficient and substantiated evidence, medical or otherwise, to conclude that by granting admission OC would jeopardize the safety of clients under student care or would otherwise be negligent in providing for the safety and well-being of clients, agency staff or other students.
- Several of the program pre-practice requirements are available on the provincial online LearningHub and will become available to students once enrolled in the program. Student will be provided with guidance for how to complete those requirements as part of the program orientation on the first day of classes.
- There may be additional fees associated with other admission and program pre-practice requirements. These requirements are usually completed outside of regular class time. Students are responsible for submitting appropriate documentation by the due dates provided. OC admissions and/or HCA department chair will provide further instructions.
- It is recommended that students also complete a Grade 11 Science or an ABE Science at the 70 or 80 Level.
- Applicants are advised that students in this program engage actively in laboratory practice, acting both as patient/client and as caregiver in simulated health care situations.

Students may proceed into clinical practice only after successful completion of ALL the program pre-practice requirements.

Attendance at a program orientation day is strongly recommended. Applicants will be notified of the exact date. Applicants are advised that students in this program engage actively in laboratory practice, acting both as patient/client and as caregiver in simulated situations. Notwithstanding all specific program prerequisites, Okanagan College reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant when, in the opinion of OC, there is sufficient and substantiated evidence, medical or otherwise, to conclude that by granting admission OC would jeopardize the safety of clients under student care or would otherwise be negligent in providing for the safety and well-being of clients, agency staff or other students.

Practicum, Extern and Clinical Experiences

Practicum, extern and clinical experiences are an integral part of health and social services programs. Locations are throughout the Okanagan Valley. Students must arrange for their own transportation to and from practicum, extern and clinical sites. In most cases, that means a drivers license and access to a reliable vehicle is required. Travel expenses are the students responsibility. Hours vary from 6 to 9 hours per day during the practicum for a total of 30 hours per week.

Program Outline

HCA 120 Introduction to Practice
HCA 122 Lifestyle and Choices
HCA 124 Concepts for Practice
HCA 126 Interpersonal Communications
HCA 128 Common Health Challenges
HCA 134 Practice Experience A: Multi-Level and/or Complex Care
HCA 136 Practice Experience B: Home Support, Assisted Living, and/or Group Home Setting
HCA 130 Cognitive and/or Mental Health Challenges
HCA 132 Personal Care and Assistance

Graduation Requirements

A minimum passing grade of 70% in each of the following courses, HCA 120, HCA 122, HCA 124, HCA 126, HCA 128 and HCA 130 and a passing grade (P) in each of HCA 132, HCA 134 and HCA 136.

Applications are available at your school Career Centre or go to www.dualcredit23.com

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