



# 2024-25 Nursing Assistant Short-Term Certificate Map

Course Sequencing		
Year	Quarter	Subject
First Year	Fall, Winter, <b>or</b> Spring	<a href="#">NA100</a> (Nursing Assistant) <a href="#">NA102</a> (Nursing Assistant Lab)

## BEFORE YOU START

The Nursing Assistant (NA) program at CBC runs every fall, winter, and spring quarter. The application process is competitive. Students must have a college transcript showing Math and English at the 100 level or higher with a passing grade or have a current placement test score that places them into:

- Math 50 or higher
- Reading 99 or higher
- English 101 or ABE 90

Applicants will be required to provide a copy of the following documentation:

- Applicants must be a CBC student before applying to this program. If you are not, you can go to the Apply for Admission page on the CBC website to enroll online.
- Current American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR certification
- Current First Aid card
- Letter of reference addressing your work or study habits

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In just one quarter, the CBC Certified Nursing Assistant (NAC or CNA) program prepares you for entry-level positions in a variety of healthcare settings and helps you to take the next step in your nursing education. The program is designed to prepare candidates for the Nursing Assistant Certification in Washington, which complies with the Nursing Home Reform Act (OBRA, 1987).

The National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) examination assures that you understand and can safely perform the job of an entry-level Nursing Assistant. The NNAAP examination is a measure of Nursing Assistant-related knowledge, skills and abilities that includes testing by both a written examination and a skills evaluation. Nursing Assistant students who successfully complete the course work, lab and clinical hours will receive a Certification of Completion from DSHS and be eligible to take the NNAAP examination.

### What is a Nursing Assistant?

A Nursing Assistant is a vital member of the healthcare team who provides essential care to patients under the supervision of licensed nursing staff. Nursing Assistants are responsible for a range of duties that ensure the comfort, safety, and well-being of patients. These duties include assisting with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, and feeding patients, as well as taking vital signs, moving patients, and ensuring a clean and safe environment. Nursing Assistants work in various settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and home healthcare. They play a crucial role in monitoring patients' conditions and reporting any significant changes to the nursing staff. This position requires a compassionate nature, strong communication skills, and the ability to perform physically demanding tasks.

## Information Sessions

Please take the time to attend one of the NA Information Sessions. Your questions will be answered by an Advisor/Counselor or a program representative. Visit the [CBC Events Calendar](#) to find the next available session and register to attend or email [cbcoutreach@columbiabasin.edu](mailto:cbcoutreach@columbiabasin.edu) for assistance. Information sessions are scheduled for one hour and are free and open to anyone interested in a CBC Health Sciences program.

## OUT OF CLASS TO DO'S

### National Background Search & Drug Screen Requirements

As part of the admission requirements for Health Science programs, applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen prior to working with patients in clinical areas. The background check and drug screen are paid by the student and administered through a third-party company, CastleBranch. In addition to the background check required by CBC, each clinical facility reserves the right to conduct its own criminal background check prior to allowing a student to enter its health care facilities for clinical participation.

Certain criminal convictions, pending charges, or negative actions may automatically disqualify a person from having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults, juveniles and children. Clinical facilities reserve the right to accept or decline a student's placement in its facility.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You can enter nursing at several levels. The Nursing Assistant program is designed to prepare candidates for the Nursing Assistant Certification in Washington. Once licensed and certified, nursing assistants may work in a variety of settings including:

- Hospitals
- Extended care
- Home Care
- Assisted living facilities
- Community care facilities for the elderly
- Nursing care facilities

### FAQs

#### **Class Times/Delivery Format**

Classes are in person at the Richland Health Science Center. Classroom attendance is required.

#### **Length of Program**

The program lasts 1 quarter.

#### **Which Quarter Can I Begin?**

The program starts every fall, winter, and spring quarter.

**Did you know???** You can apply for CBC scholarships two times every year! Click [here](#) for more information!

**PLEASE NOTE:** This document represents a sample plan for degree completion with this program of study. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your Completion Coach. Completion Coaches can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your education such as internships, research, learning communities, and campus involvement and community-based learning.

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 7 am to 4:30 pm; Friday 7 am to noon

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