




# COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE AIDE CHALLENGE



The Comprehensive Health Care Aide (CHCA) program is designed to train individuals for a rewarding career in the health care profession. If you are already employed as a health care aide and can successfully complete Assiniboine's challenge process, you have the opportunity to obtain a CHCA program certificate.

## Why should you take the Comprehensive Health Care Aide (CHCA) Challenge?

- 1 Get credit for your hard work**

Applicants to the CHCA Challenge program will get credit for the hours they have already worked in health care settings as a health care aide. If you have worked 300 hours in the previous 12 months, you are eligible to challenge the program's practicum component.
- 2 Formalize your training**

You've worked in health care for a long time, and now is your chance to turn all that hard work into a formally-recognized certificate. The CHCA Challenge encourages you to work at your own pace so the course work can fit into your busy schedule. Once you register for a course, you have four months to complete it!
- 3 Become even more valued in the health care community**

Upon completion of the CHCA Challenge program, continue to be an important part of the health care team. You will be valued for your commitment to continuous learning, and you may be able to find additional jobs in other areas of health care.
- 4 Rewarding career opportunities**

A Comprehensive Health Care Aide certificate can open the door to jobs for you in hospitals, personal care homes, acute and extended care, doctors offices, private care facilities, mental health setting and home care.



## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

*A complete Manitoba Grade 12 or equivalent.*

Applicants must be employed in a health setting as a health care aide and have a minimum of 300 clinical hours in the previous 12 months to be eligible for the credit of Work Experience 1. Upon receiving credit for Work Experience 1, applicants are eligible to challenge Term 1 Theory and Laboratory and then Term 2 Theory. To be eligible for credit for Work Experience 2, applicants must provide verification of clinical hours with a minimum of 40 hours in Geriatrics, 24 hours in Mental Health, and 16 hours in Community within the last 12 months. The clinical hours must be paid work hours and not volunteered. These clinical requirements will be assessed on an individual basis.

English is the language of instruction at Assiniboine. All applicants educated outside of Canada or in a country on the test exempt list are expected to meet the English language proficiency requirement. See [assiniboine.net/elp](http://assiniboine.net/elp) for more information.

Students are responsible for identifying a qualified preceptor (LPN/RN) for the administration of the clinical examination or be tested by Assiniboine's faculty at a mutually-agreed date and time. Prior to writing the theory and clinical exams, proof of payment is required. If the clinical laboratory exam is arranged by college staff and completed at the college, an additional \$50 (non-refundable) fee will be charged to cover the costs. Proof of current registration in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) - Level HCP is required as part of the challenge. A photocopy of the registration is acceptable. Students must provide proof of an approved 12-hour, non-violent crisis intervention training course.

Prior to the start of the practicum rotations, students must complete the following:

- Up-to-date and completed immunizations
- Evidence of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation - Health Care Provider level (CPR-HCP)
- Evidence of a current Criminal Record, Child Abuse Registry, and Adult Abuse Registry checks
- Evidence of successful completion of Manitoba's Provincial Healthcare Violence Prevention program

Many agencies where students are placed for practicum experience require students disclose convictions for any offenses. In some instances, applicants with a criminal record may be unable to complete the program. Applicants listed on the Child Abuse Registry and/or Adult Abuse Registry will be unable to complete the program if they require practicum experiences involving persons in care. If you fall into one of these categories, please contact the School of Health & Human Services prior to applying.

Registry check must be current. Documents obtained prior to program acceptance will not be acceptable. Please note that the process for completing these documents may take 4-6 weeks.

## COURSES 2020-21

| COURSE TITLE   | NUMBER    | CREDITS |
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| <b>REQUIRED COURSE - WORK EXPERIENCE 1</b>             |           |         |
| Work Experience 1                                      | PRAC-0054 | 3       |
| <b>REQUIRED COURSES - TERM 1 THEORY AND LABORATORY</b> |           |         |
| Daily Living Laboratory                                | HLTH-0176 | 3       |
| Daily Living Theory                                    | HLTH-0175 | 3       |
| Gerontology  | HLTH-0004 | 3       |
| Health, Environment & Safety                           | WRKP-0002 | 3       |
| Human Relations/Communication                          | COMM-0037 | 3       |
| Nutrition  | HLTH-0002 | 3       |
| <b>REQUIRED COURSES - TERM 2 THEORY</b>                |           |         |
| Growth and Development                                 | HLTH-0003 | 3       |
| Health Issues/Community Health                         | HLTH-0005 | 3       |
| Mental Health  | HLTH-0006 | 3       |
| <b>REQUIRED COURSE - WORK EXPERIENCE 2</b>             |           |         |
| Work Experience 2                                      | PRAC-0055 | 3       |

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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