

## COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE AIDE—INTERNATIONAL

(One Year (9 months) Post-Secondary Program)

Please read and think about the following information below carefully to decide whether this program is a good fit for you. This information may change and is simply intended to offer you a helpful perspective on what you will experience in this program.

**Program Dates:** Depending on start date.

**Scheduled Breaks:** Last week of December and first week of January (two weeks); other short breaks depend on start date.

### Post-Graduation

**Work Permit length:** Up to 9 months.

**Schedule:** Theory and Lab Courses: Monday to Friday, 6 hours of class. (Day or evening classes are possible; do NOT plan a job or other responsibilities until you receive the full schedule.)

Practicums: Various day or evening shifts, could include Monday to Sunday

**Campus Location:** Will depend on intake location, Brandon or Winnipeg. Brandon: 1035 1<sup>st</sup> Street North; Winnipeg: 1313 Border Street  
**Cannot “transfer” between cities.**

### What You’ll Study:

- Canadian workplace culture, medical terminology, and student success skills.
- Activities of daily living, like toileting, bathing, feeding, movement and communication.
- Human growth/development, mental health, nutrition, gerontology (science of aging).
- Health issues and community health.
- Employability skills for health care, including human relations, teamwork, safety, communication.
- See course descriptions [here](#); click on “courses and costs” tab.

### How You’ll “Learn By Doing”

- Learn and practice daily living skills (examples: toileting, bathing, feeding, movement and communication) in health care lab
- Two 4 week unpaid practicum placements in long-term care and acute care facilities. As part of team, provide daily living care to patients who are sick, disabled, elderly and/or chronically ill.

### What You’ll Need to Do to Graduate General:

- Attend all classes, labs and practicum shifts; arrive on time every day.
- Purchase all required books and supplies, including uniforms, shoes and personal protective equipment.
- Work co-operatively in teams and behave respectfully to all students, staff and clients.

- Dress appropriately, with specific requirements for labs and practicums.
- Maintain cleanliness of yourself, your uniform and equipment.
- Share work of keeping classroom, laboratory and practicum facility clean.
- Complete required immunizations, at your expense and on your own time—**before** first practicum.
- Complete clinical pre-requisites, at your expense and some on your own time—**before** first practicum.

#### Theory courses:

- Pass **all** theory classes with **80% minimum grade**. Attendance, punctuality and professional behavior will be part of grades.
- Evaluation includes tests, group projects, presentations and research papers, so all English skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) are important.
- You will require access to a desktop or laptop computer to complete assignments; assignments cannot be “hand-written”.
- Do your own work. Cheating or using other people’s work could result in failing grades/suspension. See Policy A25 from this Academic Policies [link](#).

#### Labs/ Practicums:

- Practice all skills in the lab until you can demonstrate “mastery”—do them correctly and quickly.
- Pass all lab skills testing.
- Manage physical demands like lifting, bending, using equipment, assisting clients with walking, cleaning beds and rooms.
- Appropriately and safely work with blood, urine, faeces and other bodily fluids.
- Be patient and kind with clients, including those in poor mental and/or physical health.

#### How Assiniboine College Can Help You

- Trained instructors will share their knowledge and experience from health care workplaces, and will give you specific feedback on your theory and lab progress.
- Learning Curve staff available to assist with study skills, like test-taking and writing papers.
- Student advising staff can offer support for personal issues.

#### Job Options for Graduates

See the National Occupation Code description for typical jobs [here: 3413: Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates](#)

NOTE: The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program will accept CHCA jobs ONLY outside of Winnipeg and the surrounding area. If you want to use a CHCA job in a MPNP application, you will need to live and work in rural Manitoba, NOT in the Winnipeg area. See the bottom of [this page](#)

Work in personal care homes, hospitals, home care and related health care and social services organizations.

Many jobs are part-time or casual.

**Other Important Information:**

- To do your Practicums, you will need to do “N95 mask fit testing” and may be required to wear an N95 mask during every shift. **An N95 mask requires you to be clean-shaven (no beard);** if your religious observance forbids this, you will need to request a religious accommodation with official documentation, at the *beginning* of your program.
- **You will require a “Co-op Work Permit”** from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, **before** you can legally start your practicum. If you are applying for your study permit with ACC’s letter of acceptance, apply also for your co-op work permit at that time. If you already have a study permit, we will send you co-op letter when you start the program, and you apply for the permit immediately after that.
- **If you fail any courses, or if you do not complete clinical pre-requisites before first practicum, you will have an “unscheduled break”.** A student *cannot* legally work during this unscheduled break, and it would also make you ineligible for a post-graduate work permit.
- **The CHCA—International program may not have space every year.** Therefore, if you fail a course and/or cannot go on practicum, the college CANNOT guarantee a seat will be available in another intake, and you may not be able to graduate from the program.

**Costs:**

- **Tuition:** see website and letter of acceptance. Payable in full **before** program start. **NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS.** If you fail a course and must repeat it, you will pay tuition for that course again.
- **Health insurance:** Approximately \$1000. Payable on date in acceptance letter. **Required.**
- **Uniforms and related supplies, vaccinations, and clinical pre-requisites:** between \$800 and \$1000. See lists [here](#); click on the “Tools and Supplies” tab. Purchased on your own, not payable to college. **Required** early in program.
- **Transportation** to and from college, and to and from practicum placements, is your responsibility.
- **Living costs** are your responsibility.