

# Comprehensive Health Care Aide Challenge

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.

## 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 CHCA program.

## 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 step, 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.



### Campus/Delivery Options

Distance



### Available Intakes

Various



### Work Integrated Learning

Varies, depending  
on experience

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be employed in a health setting as an uncertified health care aide and have a minimum of 300 clinical hours in the previous 12 months to be eligible for admission into the CHCA Challenge program.

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.

Students requiring additional clinical placement may need to provide the following prior to practicum rotation:

- ▶ Up-to-date and completed immunizations
- ▶ Evidence of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation – Health Care Provider level (CPR-HCP) or Basic Life Support (BLS)

- ▶ Current Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector, Child Abuse Registry, and Adult Abuse Registry checks
- ▶ Evidence of completion of an approved 12-hour, non-violent crisis intervention training course or Provincial 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 Nursing prior to applying.

Registry check must be current if you have to go out on a clinical placement. Documents obtained prior to program acceptance will not be acceptable. Please note that the process for completing these documents may take 4-6 weeks.

## Next Steps

**Confidence in the career path you choose to embark on is key and selecting the right program for you is the first step. At Assiniboine, we offer an opportunity to explore and experience a program before applying. Choose to:**

### Spend a day with us

Our Spend a Day program runs from November to March for most programs. When you spend a day at Assiniboine, we partner you with a current student in the program of your choice so you have the opportunity to:

- ▶ Participate in classroom activities
- ▶ Experience college life
- ▶ Explore all of our helpful services for students
- ▶ Meet current college students and instructors
- ▶ Enjoy a free lunch on us!

### Attend an online info session

Our free, live online information sessions give you the inside scoop on the program you're interested in and life at Assiniboine. Register in advance and from the comfort of your own home, log in to learn about Assiniboine.

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