

## Non-Credit Career Pathway Course

# Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)



Bismarck State College's Nursing Assistant Training Program equips students with the knowledge and hands-on skills needed to pursue employment as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in a variety of healthcare settings, including:

- Skilled nursing facilities
- Hospitals and clinics
- Acute care settings
- Home health care

The program is 76 hours and meets North Dakota training requirements.

- Classroom instruction: 36 hours
- Supervised practical learning: 28 hours
- Clinical scenario practice: 8 hours
- Review and testing: 4 hours

Students may enroll in the CNA program as non-credit training or, for select in-person courses, for college credit.

### Program Delivery Options

#### Option 1: In Person (Evening)

Delivery: Face-to-face classes

Schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:00-10:00 PM

Credit Eligibility: Eligible for college credit on designated dates indicated with an asterisk (\*)

#### 2026 Dates

May 4-29            Sept. 8-Oct. 2\*

June 1-25\*        Oct. 5-29\*

#### Option 2: Hybrid, Day Skills

Theory: Online via Blackboard (7 weeks)

Skills: One week in person at BSC

Skills Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 PM

#### 2026 Dates

May 4-June 19; Skills Week June 22-26

June 8-July 24; Skills Week July 27-31

Sept. 7-Oct. 23; Skills Week Oct. 26-30

#### Option 3: Hybrid, Evening Skills

Theory: Online via Blackboard (5 weeks)

Skills: In person at BSC on specified dates

Skills Schedule: Evenings, 6:00-10:00 PM

#### 2026 Dates

July 1-30; Skills 7/13-14, 16, 20-23, 27-30

Nov. 2-Dec. 1; Skills 11/9-10, 12, 16-19, 23-24, 30, 12/1

### Program Location \*\*

Donna S. Thigpen Health Sciences Building  
1133 College Drive, Room 144, Bismarck, ND

### Learning Outcomes \*\*

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Perform basic nursing skills in diverse care environments
- Provide safe and effective personal care
- Recognize and respond to the physical, emotional, spiritual, and psychological needs
- Demonstrate professionalism and compassion
- Uphold ethical and legal standards
- Communicate effectively with clients, families, and healthcare teams
- Respect and maintain client rights
- Apply infection control principles
- Respond appropriately to emergency situations

### Student Requirements \*\*

Students must be able to meet these physical and participation requirements:

- Lift a minimum of 50 pounds
- Stand and participate in extended lab and clinical activities

Students with temporary or permanent conditions affecting participation should contact the Program Manager prior to enrollment.

Attendance is mandatory. Students who miss more than eight hours of class time, for any reason, will be withdrawn from the program.

### Health Requirements \*\*

- Proof of negative TB skin test dated within 12 months of the class start date
- Printed documentation must be submitted on the first night of class

Students with a positive TB skin test must contact the BSC Continuing Education office by phone for additional instructions. Students should not inquire in person regarding positive TB results.

TB testing services are available through:

- Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health
- UND Center for Family Medicine

## Registration Information \*\*

Registration is accepted year-round and closes three business days prior to each start date.

## Program Fees (Non-Credit) \*\*

- In person (Option 1): \$689 (includes textbook)
  - Fee increases to \$849 on July 1, 2026
- Hybrid (Option 2 or 3): \$719 (includes textbook)
  - Fee increases to \$899 on July 1, 2026

### Refund Policy:

To receive a full refund, minus a \$50 processing fee, students must contact the BSC Continuing Education office at least three business days before the class begins.

## For-Credit CNA Program (Option 1 Only)

- Schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:00-10:00 PM
- Offered: February, April, June, September, October
- Course Credit: 2-credit enrichment course
- Cost: Billed at BSC nursing tuition and fee rates

Additional enrollment requirements for students enrolling for credit include:

1. Apply to BSC by completing the application and paying the \$35 fee (if not already accepted)
2. Once accepted as a BSC student, complete the Continuing Education CNA Registration form
3. The CNA Program Manager will send an email to students requesting they enroll into the course in Campus Connection
4. Pay Student Finance in full prior to the start of class

Students with part-time status may be eligible for financial aid. Students are advised to check with Student Finance for updated program costs. For information on dropping a credit course, contact the Academic Records office.

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## Veterans Priority \*\*

Because this program receives funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, veterans and eligible spouses receive priority of service over non-covered persons. (20 CFR 1010)

## CNA State Exam \*\*

Upon successful completion of the CNA training program, students are eligible to take the North Dakota State Nursing Assistant Exam. Testing dates will be announced during classroom instruction, and in-person registration is required.

- Fees for BSC Non-Credit or For-Credit Students:
  - Knowledge and Skills Exam: \$220
  - Audio Knowledge and Skills Exam: \$240

### External Candidates:

Individuals who completed CNA training through another approved ND Health and Human Services (HHS) training provider are welcome to register for the state exam at BSC. Proof of eligibility to test is required by ND HHS before registration can be processed.

- Exam Fee for External Candidates:
  - Knowledge and Skills Exam: \$260
  - Audio Knowledge and Skills Exam: \$285

### Retest Fees:

- Knowledge Exam: \$110 per attempt
- Audio Knowledge Exam: \$135 per attempt
- Skills Exam: \$160 per attempt

Payment is due no later than two weeks prior to the exam date.

## Felony Disclosure Requirement \*\*

In accordance with North Dakota Administrative Code 33-43-01-03 and 33-43-01-22, applicants with a criminal histories involving convictions substantially related to the duties of a Certified Nurse Aide, Home Health Aide, Nurse Aide, or Medication Assistant may be ineligible to begin training or take the state exam without further review. Disclosures include:

- Any arrest, conviction, plea, or adjudication, including those that occurred as a juvenile or through juvenile court authorities
- Any history of impairment that may affect the ability to perform CNA duties

All disclosures will be reviewed by the ND HHS prior to approval for class participation or exam eligibility.

\*\*Applies to non-credit and for-credit courses.

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## To Register:



### In Person

National Energy Center of Excellence  
1200 Schafer Street, Room 107, Bismarck  
Phone: (701) 224-5600 or (877) 846-9387



### Online

[bismarckstate.edu/cnatraining](http://bismarckstate.edu/cnatraining)  
(ACH, Discover, Visa, MasterCard and American Express)



### Mail (check payments only)

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