

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, and Home Health Care.

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

- Classroom instruction: 36 hours
- Supervised practical learning: 32 hours
- Clinical scenario practice: 8 hours

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

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 Students who miss more than eight hours of class time, for any reason, will be withdrawn from the program.

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



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 (*)

2027 Dates

Feb. 1 - 26*	June 7 - July 1*	Oct. 4 - 28*
Apr. 5 - 29*	Sept. 7 - Oct. 1*	

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

2027 Dates

Feb. 8 - Mar. 26; Skills Week Mar. 29 - Apr. 2
Apr. 5 - May 21; Skills Week May 24 - 28
May 3 - June 18; Skills Week June 21 - 25
June 7 - July 23; Skills Week July 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

This is an accelerated course. Students should be comfortable communicating in English, able to learn independently in a self-paced environment, and have a basic understanding of medical terminology.

2027 Dates

January 1 - 31
Skills Dates: 5, 7, 11, 13 - 14, 19, 21, 25, 27 - 28
March 1 - 31
Skills Dates: 2, 4, 8, 10 - 11, 16, 18, 22, 24 - 25
April 30 - May 31
Skills Dates: 4, 6, 10, 12 - 13, 18, 20, 24, 26 - 27
July 1 - 30
Skills Dates: 6, 8, 12, 14 - 15, 20, 22, 26, 28 - 29
August 2 - 31
Skills Dates: 3, 5, 9, 11 - 12, 17, 19, 23, 25 - 26
November 1 - 30
Skills Dates: 2, 4, 8 - 10, 15 - 18, 22

Program Location **

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

Health Requirements **

As part of the registration process, students will complete a TB risk assessment. Most students will not need additional TB testing. If the screening indicates TB risk factors, students will be required to complete an IGRA TB blood test and present negative test results on the first night of class. Students will know during registration if testing is needed.

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.

Program Fees (Non-Credit) **

- In person (Option 1): \$849 (includes textbook)
- Hybrid (Option 2 or 3): \$899 (includes textbook)

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

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: \$250
 - Audio Knowledge and Skills Exam: \$265

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: \$275
 - Audio Knowledge and Skills Exam: \$290

Retest Fees:

- Knowledge Exam: \$125 per attempt
- Audio Knowledge Exam: \$140 per attempt
- Skills Exam: \$170 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.

Registration Information **

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



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)

Learn More: bismarckstate.edu/cnatraining

To Register:



In Person

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



Mail (check payments only)

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