

# Intro to Medical Pathways (ESL)



This 18-hour course will help to build vocabulary and basic understanding of medical careers available in healthcare today. Students will gain a better understanding of the wide scope of terminology used primarily in nursing assistant training and their role in long-term care. The course will include conversation practice, worksheets, practice quizzes and more.

This program will focus on English as a Second Language (ESL) students and aims to help improve their English language abilities and equip them to be successful in a potential health care career. This is a non-degree, non-credit bearing program, and all instruction will be in English.

Registration closes one week prior to the start date of the course.

This is an introduction course. It is not the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class. Upon successful completion of this program, the instructor will provide a recommendation to students interested in moving into the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class.

## Students will learn:

- How to develop better listening and communication skills
- Vocabulary words dealing with the body, medicine, and medical equipment
- Practice testing with multiple choice questions and computer skills
- The roles and responsibilities of a nursing assistant and the rights of patients
- How to take and record measurements such as blood pressure, temperature, pulse, height, and weight
- Patient safety and how to protect yourself against injury
- Use of various medical equipment
- Infection control

## Student Requirements

Class admission requirements include:

- a 3 week commitment
- Basic knowledge of the English language
- Any student missing more than three and one half (3 1/2) hours of class time will be dropped out of the class, regardless of the reason

For ESL students entering the intro program, it is highly recommended to take an English assessment exam prior to registration. To register for the exam, please contact the BSC Testing Services Coordinator at (701) 224-5658.

## Health Information

Tuberculosis (TB) skin tests, seasonal flu vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination are not currently required for this course.

Students preparing to take the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class to obtain a CNA license will need proof of a negative TB test within the last 12 months. Additionally, students enrolled in a class between September and March must provide proof of the seasonal flu vaccination.



## 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)



## 2024 Start Dates

Class will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for 3 weeks.

August 5

October 7

## Program Location

BSC Technical Center  
1200 College Drive, Room 246, Bismarck ND

## Course Investment

The fee for this program is \$219 and includes course materials.

Intro to Medical Pathways (ESL) is a short-term, non-credit program; therefore, TrainND Southwest does not offer financial aid or tuition assistance.

**Students may qualify for funding from state and federal agencies.** For eligibility, please contact:

- Job Service North Dakota (701) 328-5000 ([www.jobsnd.com](http://www.jobsnd.com))
- Bismarck Public Schools Adult Learning Center (701) 323-4530 ([www.bismarckschools.org](http://www.bismarckschools.org))

Additional funding opportunities may be available to those who were denied funding from the above-referenced agencies. To inquire, please contact our office.

## Course Size

Class is limited to 12 students to allow for maximum learning experience. Enrollment is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Waiting lists are established once maximum enrollment is reached.

## Successful Completion of Class

To successfully complete, students must meet the following requirements:

- Receive an 80% or better on weekly quizzes and the final exam
- 80% attendance rate
- 100% participation while in class

## Refund Policy

Non-credit students must contact the BSC Continuing Education office at least three (3) working days prior to the start of the class for a refund. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from the amount refunded. If a student cancels after the class has started, the entire registration fee will be forfeited. Students can call (701) 224-5600 for more information.

## Registration Options



### In Person

National Energy Center of Excellence  
1200 Schafer Street, Room 107, Bismarck  
Phone: (701) 224-5600 or  
(1-877) 846-9387



### Mail (check-only)

BSC Continuing Education & TrainND  
PO Box 5587, Bismarck, ND 58506-5587



### Online

[bismarckstate.edu/esltraining](http://bismarckstate.edu/esltraining)  
(credit card or ACH payment accepted)

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