

COURSE INFORMATION

Nursing 103 – BASIC CLASS: this is the basic course for the professional Certified Nursing Assistant. The focus is on caring for the elderly with compassion. Students are taught principles of infection control, communication techniques, and the skills to safely care for people. These skills include bathing, dressing, assisting to eat, grooming, toileting, lifting and moving while using proper body mechanics.



During the spring and fall semesters, the class meets for 8 weeks, starting in February and September respectively.

Students attend classes and practice skills in the Health Sciences Building on the Main campus in Fairfield, and participate in eight weeks of clinical experience in one of different skilled nursing facilities in the Solano area community.

Exact dates and times for the class will be listed in the Online Schedule at www.solano.edu and also will be provided by the instructor during the mandatory information meeting and are subject to change.

The **Spring 2019 Session** will start in late January or early February 2019. Please consult the Health Sciences office or the online schedule at www.solano.edu for further information.



Students must successfully pass both the theory and the clinical portions of the course with a minimum grade of C to qualify to take the CNA State Certification Exam. Passing the CA state exam qualifies one to receive the CNA certification.

(prior convictions may interfere with the certification being issued, even if the student successfully passes the class and the exam.)

Students must pass CNA 103 to be able to continue into CNA 104, Home Health Aide; and CNA 105, Acute Care.

Nursing 104 – HOME HEALTH AIDE

The Home Health Aide (HHA) course is offered **following the conclusion of NURS 103**. The class prepares students to give care in the home. It focuses on the role of the HHA in performing personal care in the home environment. It includes the health and social needs of the client, providing for infection control and safety, planning to meet nutritional needs, food shopping, preparation and storage, and home cleaning tasks.



Learning to prepare a nutritious meal in lab....

Completion of the course provides the student with a California Home Health Aide Certification.

This is a separate class. Anyone who has a current CNA license can take this course but you must submit an application and complete the requirements. If you took CNA somewhere other than SCC, you must also complete the Prerequisite Verification Form A [petition](#).

Students currently enrolled in the CNA semester must show proof of having passed the CA State Certification Exam to participate in CNA 104.



Nursing 105 – ACUTE CARE (hospital-based)



The Acute Care follows NURS 103. It builds on the basic skills learned during NURS 103, applying them to the acute care hospital setting. The class studies body structure and function, and disease process in more depth. Students gain experience with more advanced equipment and the faster pace of caring for short-term, acutely ill patients. Acute care offers another important employment option for the CNA.

Building skills in infection control....

Students enrolling in this class must have passed the CNA 103 course and the State CNA Exam.

It is recommended that students enroll in all 3 courses to receive a well-rounded CNA education: CNA, 103, 104 and 105

CNA 103 6.5 units Certified Nursing Assistant – basic course



CNA 105 2.0 units Acute Care Skills and Practice
CNA 104 2.0 units Home Health Aide

EXPENSES

Students will need to pay for the following:

- Tuition
- Drug test fee
- Textbook purchases
- Certification exam fee
- Live Scan / Background check fee
- One uniform and basic equipment

- Physical examination
- Immunizations, if needed
(measles, mumps, rubella
Hepatitis B, polio, tetanus)
- TB (tuberculosis) testing
- CPR class for the Professional
Health Care Provider
- White shoes (for uniform)
- Watch with second hand

The total of these expenses will range from \$700-900.



Students may choose to pay for additional college-based fees, which are OPTIONAL. See the college catalog or schedule for current fees.



DRUG SCREEN

Solano Community College remains a drug-and smoke-free campus. A student will not be allowed to pursue the Certified Nursing Assistant Program without a negative drug screen (*including* marijuana/cannabis). Any student with a positive drug screen, at any point in the program, will be denied placement and participation at the clinical facilities and will be required with withdraw.

CRIMINAL SCREENING PROCEDURE

A professional nursing assistant must be a trustworthy, law-abiding individual. For this reason, Live Scan (fingerprinting) is required. The student must respond to the following question and act accordingly:

Have you ever been convicted by any court of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?

If you answered "Yes" to the above question, **you must write a letter to the CA Department of Public Health.** Include the information that is listed below and send it to the address provided.

If you have a prior conviction, you may enroll in and take the CNA / HHA courses, but clearance for receiving the certification is up to the California Licensing and Certification Department, and it depends on the nature and severity of the infraction.

This process is the student's responsibility and needs to be done either prior to starting the course, or soon after the class has started.

To comply with this requirement, write a letter that contains:

- 1. Date**
- 2. Statement:**

"This letter is being submitted for state approval to receive certification upon completion of the Certified Nursing Assistant training course."

3. Include in the letter:

Dates and nature of the incident(s)
Disposition of the case (provide court papers)
Your current status
Letters from Probation Officer (if applicable)
Letters of Recommendation (non-family; three letters)

4. Send to: California Department of Public Health

Licensing and Certification Division
1615 Capital Ave, ATCS-MS 3301
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Sacramento, CA 95899-7416

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