

Why study at Westminster College?

- Approved and recognized HCA program by the BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry.
- Our Program Advisory Committee members include experienced RNs and LPNs.
- Average class size provides you with more one on one instruction and personal support.
- Our Nursing Lab has the newest technology and equipment which will help you develop your nursing skills.
- Health Authority approved long-term care facilities for practicum.
- We offer specialized onsite counseling services for all students and alumni for any type of academic or personal concerns you may have.
- Students from our programs are guaranteed clinical practice experiences

Potential Employers

Upon completion of the program, graduates are prepared to work in many settings including home support, assisted living, adult day care, complex care, and special care units.

Why become a Health Care Assistant?

- The demand for HCA is high now and it is expected to become even higher in the future as the aging population increases in Canada and around the world.
- There is a shortage of Health Care Assistants across Canada.
- Employment opportunities exist across Canada. Graduates can find work close to them or choose to relocate.



Become a Health Care Assistant Today

This six-month Health Care Assistant diploma program is based on the BC Provincial Curriculum Guidelines and recognized by the BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry.

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The HCA Program is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to function effectively as front-line care-givers, and respected members of the healthcare team, in community and facility settings. Under the direction and supervision of a health professional, graduates provide person-centred care aimed at promoting and maintaining the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social well-being of clients/residents.





Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the HCA Program, graduates will be able to:

- Provide person-centred care and assistance that recognizes and respects the uniqueness of each individual resident or client.
- Use an informed problem-solving approach to provide care and assistance that promotes the physical, psychological, social, cognitive and spiritual well-being of clients/residents and families.
- Provide care and assistance for clients/residents experiencing complex health challenges.
- Provide care and assistance for clients/residents experiencing cognitive and/or mental health challenges.
- Communicate clearly, accurately and in sensitive ways with clients/residents and families within a variety of community and facility contexts.
- Provide personal care and assistance in a safe, competent and organized manner.
- Perform the care provider role in a reflective, responsible, accountable and professional manner.

Admission Requirements

- Grade 12 or mature student of 19 years of age or older
- English 10 or equivalent
- Must meet the English language proficiency as set by the B.C. Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry:

https://www.cachwr.bc.ca/Documents/Educators/English-Language-Competency_HCA-Program-Entry_2018.aspx

The following are to be completed prior to the first practice education experience:

- Proof of meeting current immunizations / vaccinations as per health care organization policies / guidelines (or signed vaccination exemption form, except TB)
- Criminal record check from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, including clearance to work with vulnerable adults.
- First Aid
- CPR Level "C" or "HCP"
- Foodsafe Level 1 (or a course deemed equivalent)
- Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum (PVPC) E-Learning Modules

Fees

Domestic Students

Tuition: \$7,500
Application Fee: \$150
Administration Fee: \$200
Assessment Fee: \$200
Text Books: \$574
Course Materials: \$250

International Students

Tuition: \$10,500
Application Fee: \$200
Administration Fee: \$200
Assessment Fee: \$200
Text Books: \$574
Course Materials: \$250



Program Outline

HCA 1010 - Health Care Assistant: Introduction to Practice

HCA 1020 - Health Care Assistant: Health and Healing: Concepts for Practice

HCA 1030 - Health 1: Interpersonal Communication

HCA 1040 - Health 2: Lifestyle and Choices

HCA 1050 - Healing 1: Caring for Individuals Experiencing Common Health Challenges

HCA 1060 - Healing 2: Caring for Individuals Experiencing Cognitive or Mental Challenges

HCA 1070 - Healing 3: Personal Care Assistance

HCA 2010 - Practice Education Experience: Multi-Level/Complex Care

HCA 2020 - Practice Education Experience: Multi-Level/Complex Care-Specialized in Dementia Care

HCA 2030 - Practice Education Experience: Home Support/Assisted Living/Group Home

