

# Certified Nursing Assistant

## Career Pathway

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Responsible for providing direct care to patients by assisting them with activities of daily living (i.e. bathing, eating, taking medications) as directed by a nurse or physician. The CNA ensures the patients comfort and safety and is often responsible for taking vital signs and working with the organizations online patient record system.

### SALARY RANGE:

\$32,000 Anually

### EMPLOYMENT:

Work as a CNA

- helping patients with their daily activities, take vital signs, sanitizing rooms
- May work in hospital, hospice, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

CNA Course (4 - 12 weeks)

- Mix of classroom and clinical training
- Learn about: Activities of daily living, Vital signs, Safety protocol, Emergency situations
- Can be all in the classroom or a classroom/online hybrid

### PREREQUISITE:

High School (4 years)

- Some programs require high school diploma
- Some high schools off the course in school

### CERTIFICATIONS/EXAMS:

Must pass a written and physical exam

### For more information:

Ask your school's college/career counselor

<https://www.redcross.org/local/massachusetts/take-a-class/cna>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-how-to-become-a-certified-nurse-aide-in-massachusetts>

<https://www.bostonhealthcareinstitute.org/>



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