# **Certified Nurse Aide**

Some of the fastest growing jobs in the nation, NJ and Morris County, are entry-level clinical healthcare fields like nurse aides. CCM has developed a high-quality, short-term clinical health care program to help people quickly enter the workforce, earn money and begin a health care career.

This is an excellent way to learn about the healthcare industry, try out patient care skills and determine if a career path into nursing or other medical fields is for you. Not only can you earn while you learn, but you may qualify for tuition reimbursement through your employer to help pay for advanced certifications and degrees. Or, if you are in mid-career and want to stay active, this is a great way to earn an income while helping others and feel good about contributing positively to someone's quality of life.

## **Certified Nurse Aide**

A Certified Nurse Aide's (CNA) main role is to provide basic care to patients and assist them in daily activities that they may have trouble completing on their own. Learn to care for people living in long-term care facilities, rehabilitation settings or hospitals. The NJ Department of Health and Senior Services regulates and approves the CCM training program. Training may be conducted in CCM nursing labs or actual care facilities and includes 50 lecture and 40 clinical hours. This certificate can be completed in as little as 6 to 9 weeks.

The Certified Nurse Aide Course combines lecture and labs in a hospital setting, and clinical experience in a long-term care setting, allowing students to successfully master the essential skills to obtain an entry level position in the healthcare field. The Comprehensive course includes BLS certification and a three-day Skills Review & Exam program which concludes with the state required skills evaluation.

Registration can take up to six weeks to complete the prerequisite documentation. Prior to the first day of class, the program requires students to satisfactorily complete a criminal background investigation and a drug screening at facilities approved by CCM, as well as complete an extensive medical history review. Students will complete a Healthcare Professional BLS (Basic Life Support) course as part of the CNA program. There are additional expenses incurred by the student for these and other items.

Upon the successful completion of the course, students are eligible to take the NJ State approved Certified Nurse's Aide certification examination. For information on Certified Nurse Aide apprenticeships, please visit our <a href="website">website</a> (<a href="https://www.ccm.edu/workforce-development/">https://www.ccm.edu/workforce-development/</a>).

This program requires a textbook. For textbook information, see the course description on the <u>website (https://www.ccm.edu/workforcedevelopment/workforce-programs/)</u>. You will find most books at retail or online outlets.

Course Code	Course Title	CEUs
AHP-365E	CNA Program Screening	0
AHP-163E	Certified Nurse Aide - Comprehensive	9

For information on current course offerings and how to register, please go to our website (https://www.ccm.edu/workforce-development/).

## Courses

### **CNA Program Screening**

All potential CNA students must undergo screening. Please register and pay the NON-REFUNDABLE processing fee, which covers the cost of a criminal background investigation and expenses incurred by the college to admit you into the program. Clearance and course registration can take up to six weeks, so start the process early. At their own expense, students must satisfactorily complete drug screening at facilities approved by CCM, as well as complete an extensive medical history review. Additional expenses include, but are not limited to, uniforms and textbooks. AHP-365E.

#### **Certified Nurse Aide - Comprehensive**

This course combines lecture and labs in a hospital setting and clinical experience in a long-term care setting, allowing students to master the essential skills to obtain an entry-level position in the healthcare field. This Comprehensive course includes Healthcare Professional BLS (Basic Life Support) certification and a three-day Skills Review and Exam program concluding with the state required clinical skills exam. Upon the successful completion of the course, students are eligible to take the NJ State approved Certified Nurse Aide certification examination. AHP-163E.