

CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant)

Certified Nursing Assistants are a critical part of the health care team. CNAs are often the primary caregivers of patients and assist with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, and eating as well as measuring vital signs such as blood pressure and temperature. Students in the Healthcare Pathway will complete five credit hours of post-secondary coursework (HLHS 107) in preparation for the Certified Nursing Assistance licensure examination. The program is 16 weeks and students will complete 48 classroom hours, 32 lab hours, and 48 clinical hours.

One semester commitment (Junior/Senior year)

At the completion of the program students earn:

- CNA License
- Total of 5 college credit hours

Coursework

- HLHS 107 CNA Preparation

This program prepares individuals desiring to work as nursing assistants with the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for providing basic care in extended care facilities, hospitals and home health agencies under the direction of licensed nurses. Information is presented on the health care system and employment opportunities at a variety of entry levels. Includes an overview of the health care delivery systems, health care teams and legal and ethical considerations. Individuals who successfully complete this course are eligible to apply to sit for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) certification exam for nursing assistants. This course meets the minimum standards set forth by the ISDH for Certified Nursing Assistant training.

There is a high demand for CNAs, and job growth is expected to increase by 11% by 2026. The median income for a CNA in 2016 was \$12.78 per hour.

