Apply with UWA’s Division of Outreach Services CNA Program for a career path in healthcare.

- Study to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.
- Enhance your Life & Job Readiness Skills.
- Follow a career path leading to certification as a CNA and beyond.
- This path can also lead you to opportunities to become an LPN, RN and beyond.

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What is the CNA Program All About?

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program at The University of West Alabama Division of Outreach Services is Alabama State Board of Nursing approved. The curriculum covers 55 hours of classroom instruction taught by registered nurses and 24 hours of clinical application conducted at a skilled nursing facility. The style of instruction is both lecture and clinic-based. Students learn techniques using the tools professionals use in the field. Your investment of time coupled with UWA’s commitment to your success will return dividends in the knowledge and skills that will help you be effective in your new career as a CNA.

The nursing assistant provides basic needs for patients of any age, ethnicity or gender as they work under supervision. Since nursing assistants have daily contact with patients, they are key to providing vital information about the patients’ conditions to their supervisors. This job sometimes is difficult, because the workload can become intense and fast-paced. But, many CNAs profess that this job is rewarding. A desire to help people and compassion for patients helps the nursing assistant during difficult days.

They have different duties according to experience and the type of facility they serve. Duties may include assisting patients who are unable to feed themselves, bathing, grooming, dressing patients, helping patients to move about, measuring intake and output, measuring and recording vital signs, making beds and observing the patients mental, physical and emotional condition and reporting to the nursing or medical staff.

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• Must be between the ages of 16 and 21
• Must not be full-time high school students or college student
• Must have a High School Diploma or GED
• Must complete the WIA Eligibility Process
• Must take TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education), Basic Background Check, Drug Screen, TB Skin Test, Interview Screening

Enrollment

Acceptance into the program is through an application process. Applications may be requested from: The University of West Alabama Division of Outreach Services

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If you qualify and are selected, you will enter into a ten week training program that consists of:

• Six Weeks of CNA Training (Including Clinical)
• Four Weeks of basic computer skills, resume writing and other skills training as needed

Opportunities for Men and Women

The demand for health care professionals is high in all areas. This need is projected to increase for at least the next 30 years and has resulted in higher wages and more diverse job opportunities for Nursing Assistants. This course provides an opportunity for upward mobility in the health care field. Certificates of completion are awarded for all the Nursing Assistant classes. Wages range $9-$12/hr. for a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

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• Long-Term Health Care Facilities
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