

What is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)?

Students who complete a Nursing Assistant course and pass a registry exam are **Certified Nursing Assistants** (CNAs). CNAs work closely with patients and are responsible for basic care services such as bathing, grooming, feeding patients, assisting nurses, and checking patient vital signs.

- Nursing Assistant programs in Minnesota are at least 75 hours in length and must be approved through the Minnesota Department of Health
- Some programs combine NA/HHA (Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide) certification
- Many employers in health care pay for CNA certification or offer reimbursement
- Students must test within 2 years of course completion and may take the test up to 3 times

Training Information

- **FREE Nursing Assistant Training in Minnesota** through February 2023 (includes ARCC locations)
<https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/CNATraining/>
- **Anoka-Ramsey Community College (ARCC)**
<https://proworkforcetraining.com/courses/nursing-assistant-home-health-aide/>
ARCC offers the combined Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide (NA/HHA) course in Coon Rapids and Cambridge.
- **Anoka Technical College (ATC)**
<https://anokatech.edu/en/ProgramsCourses/HealthScienceTech/NursingAssistantHomeHealthAide>
ATC offers the combined Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide (NA/HHA) as a 5 credit-based course that is also **PSEO eligible** for high school students.
- **Where can I find other Nursing Assistant Training options?**
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/directory/natraining/sites.html>

Certification Testing Information

About the Certification test in Minnesota:

https://hdmaster.com/testing/cnatesting/Minnesota/MN_CNA_Home.htm

Anoka Technical College offers regular certification testing opportunities:

<https://proworkforcetraining.com/courses/nursing-assistant-exam/>

Where can I find other CNA Testing locations?

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/providers/nursingassistant/testing.html>

Registry Information

What is the CNA Registry?

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/providers/nursingassistant/index.html>

- [How to Get on the Nursing Assistant Registry](#)
- [How to Stay on the Nursing Assistant Registry](#)

I'm not sure if I'm on the Registry. How do I search the CNA registry?

<https://narlookup.web.health.state.mn.us/>