

Although being on the MN Dept. of Health CNA registry is strongly recommended, being on the registry is not required for application to the nursing program. However, proof of completion of CNA training/coursework is required at the time of application to the nursing program at ARCC. The certificate number (current or expired) or the name of school where the course was completed, and the year completed must be listed on the nursing application. CNA certifications or course completion from outside of MN are also considered.

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 various care services including 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

- **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 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/natrainingsites.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?

This registry will provide your certification number for current **or expired** certifications.

<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/>